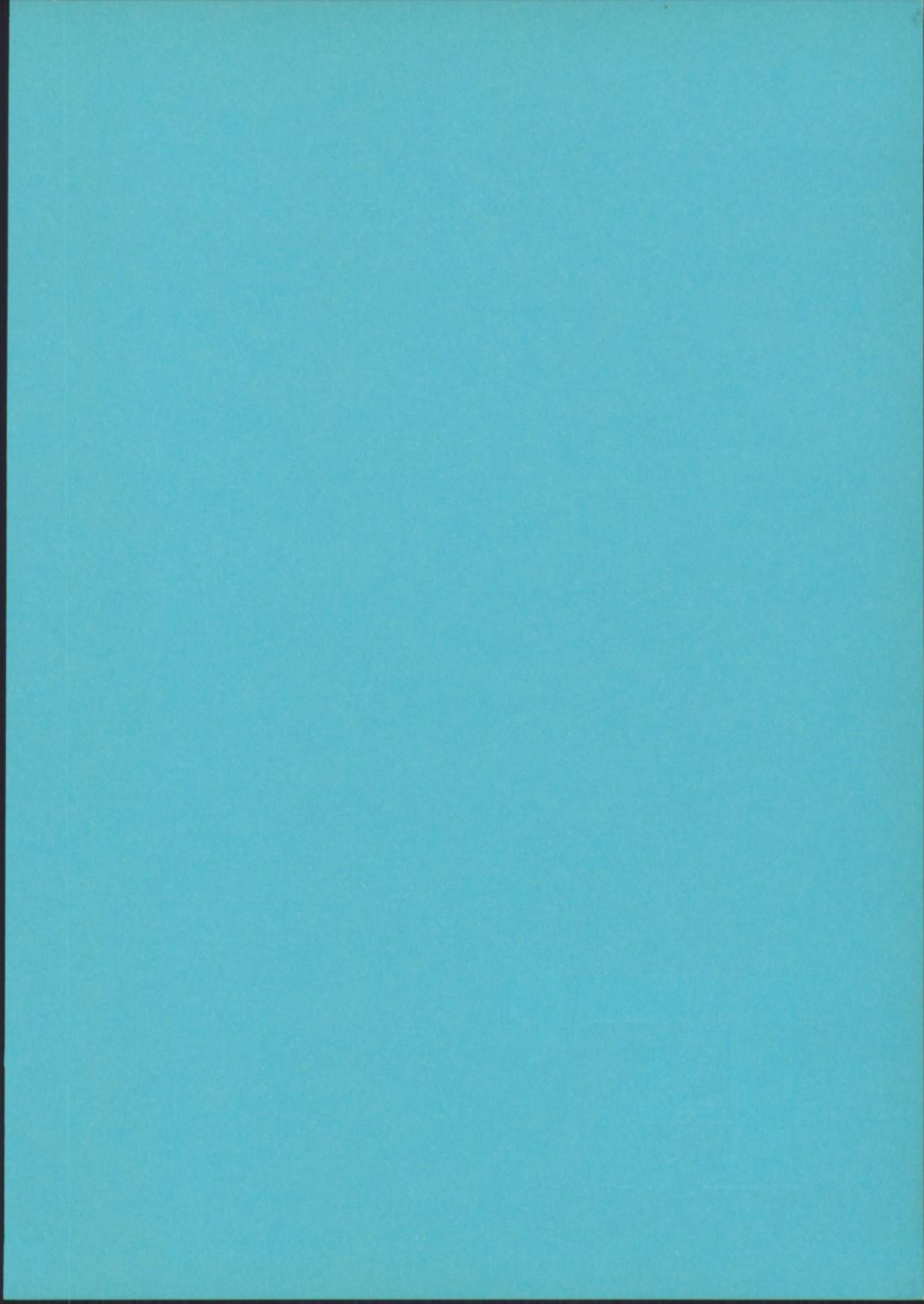
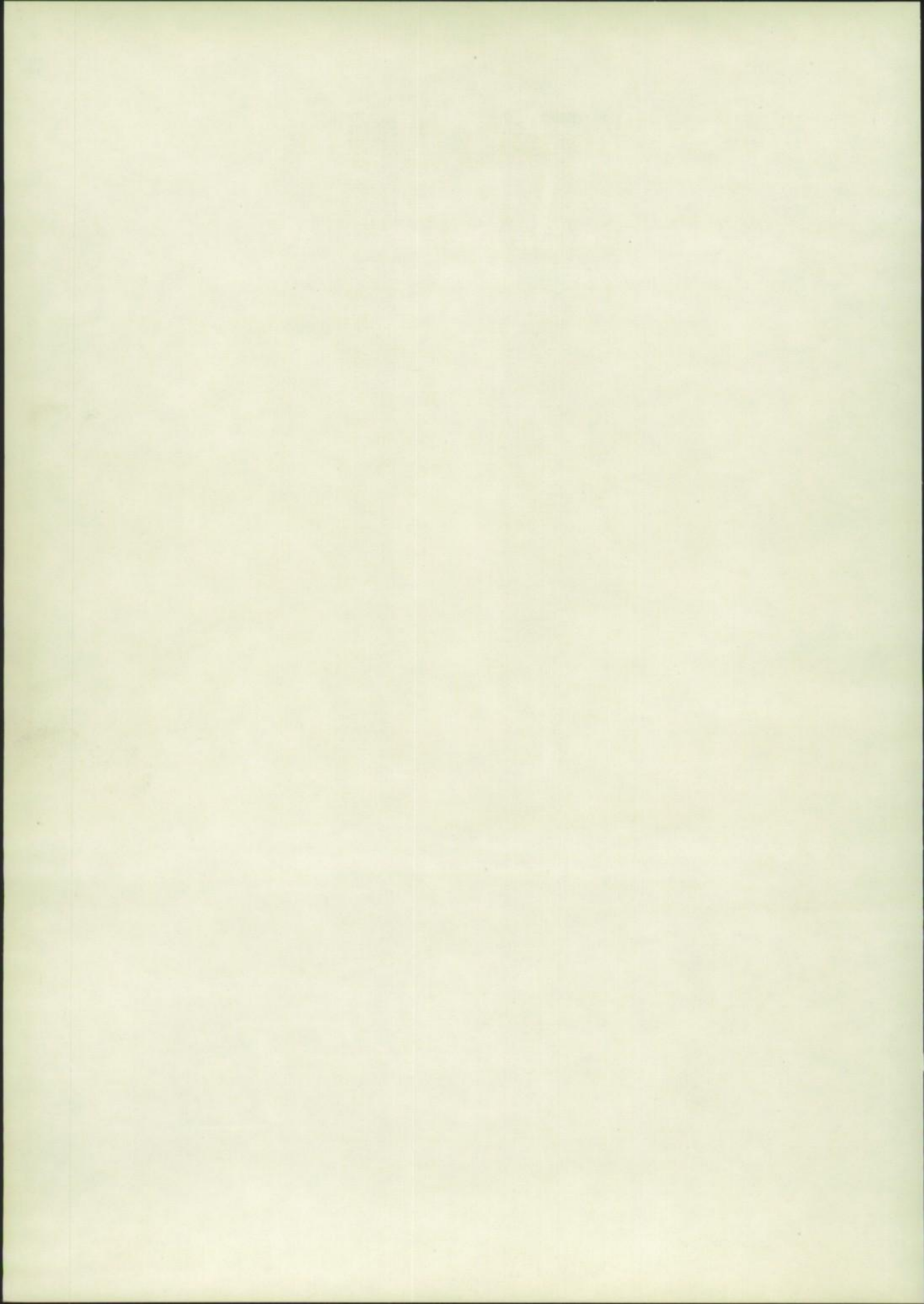


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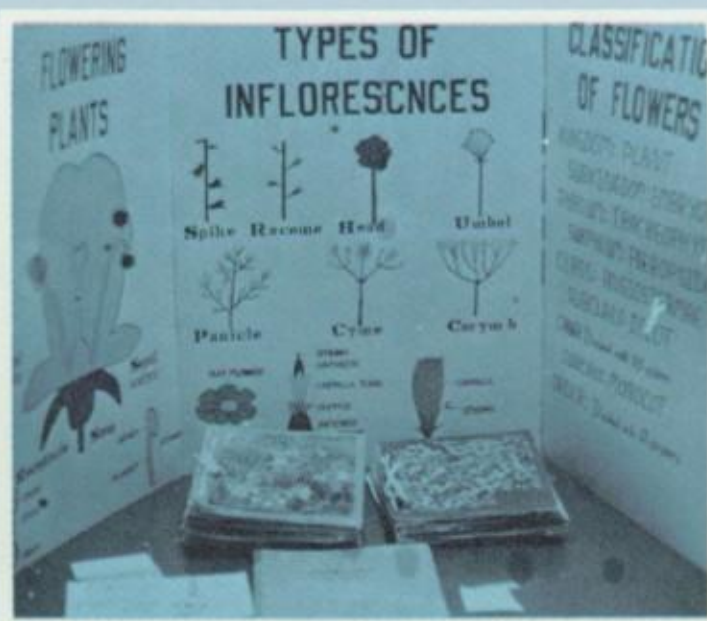
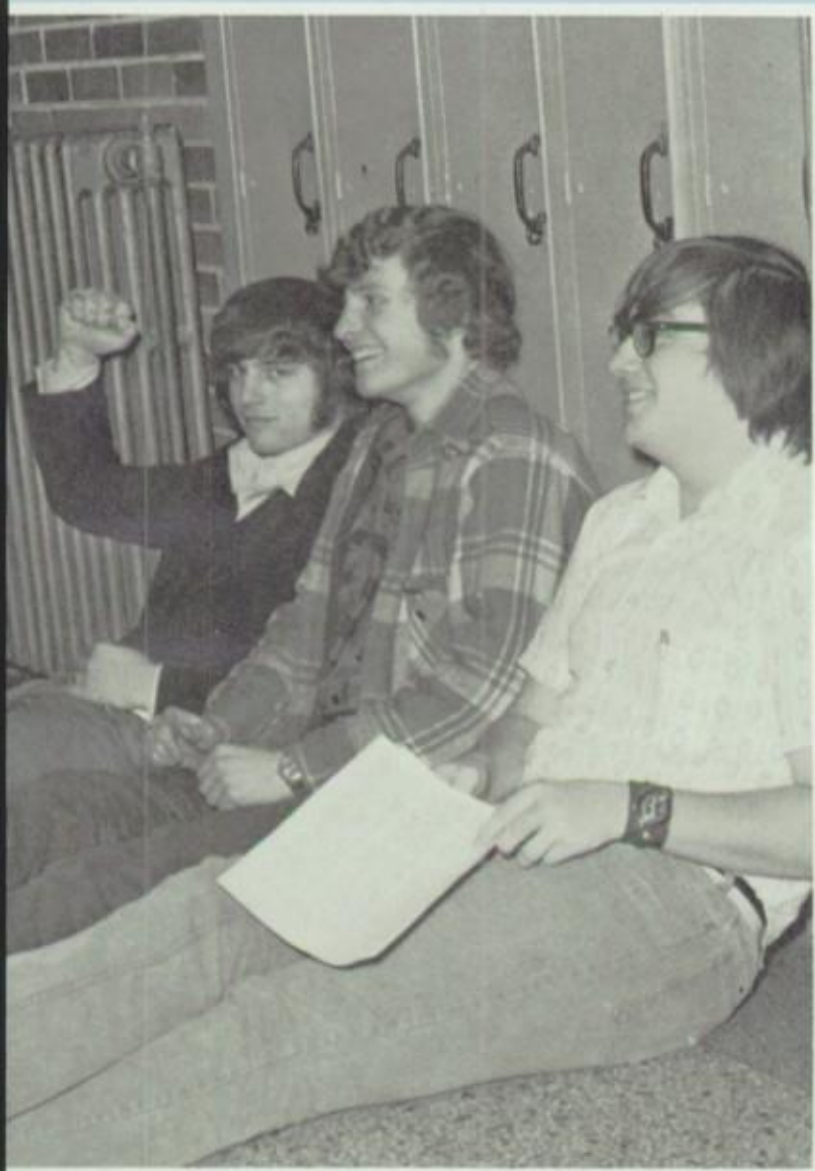
It was the best of times

i'm sorry.
i can't write the words.
i've tried for hours.

how do i thank
everyone i have known
for being the person
each has been to me.

i could say "i love you!"
but that wouldn't convey
all the things that i feel
in the depths of my heart.

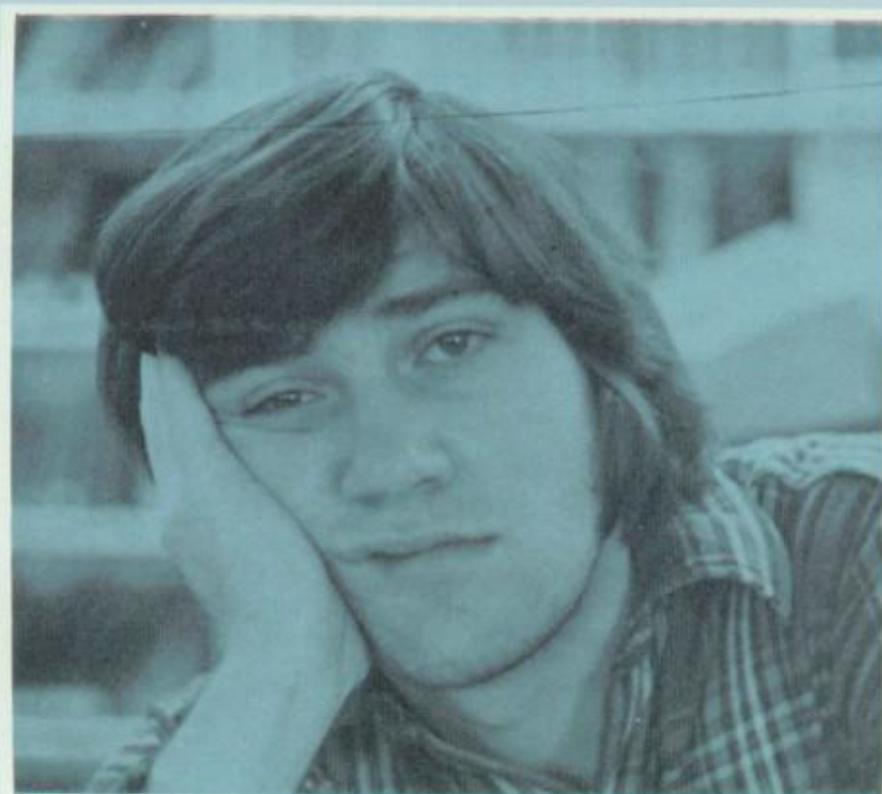
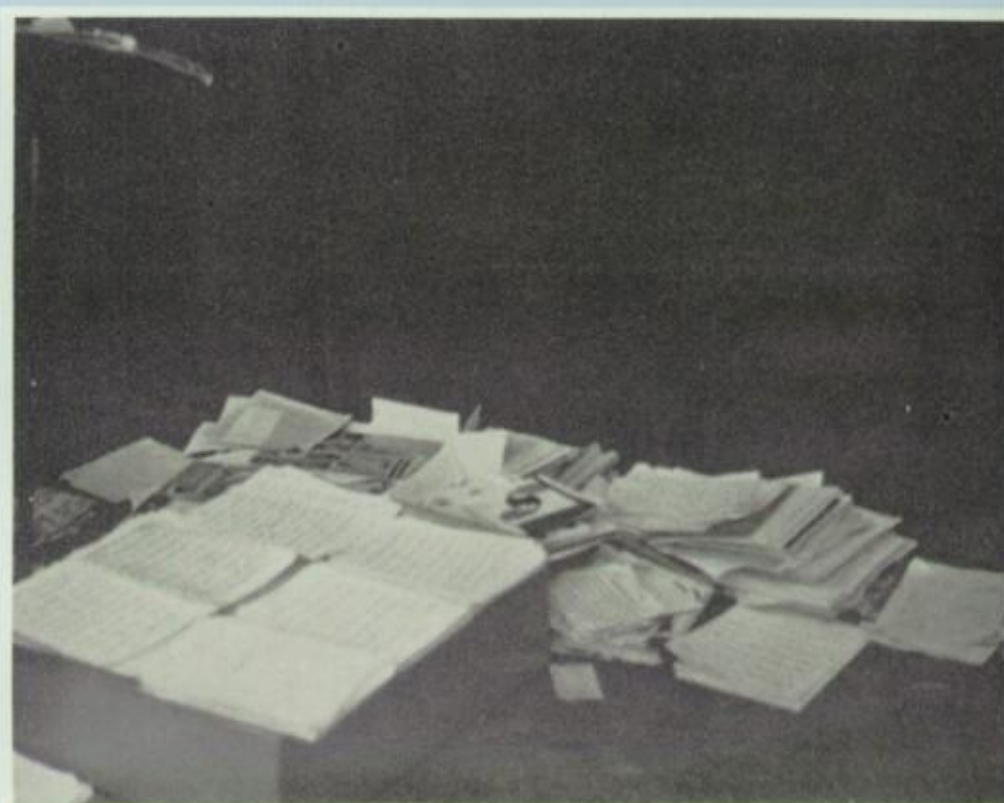
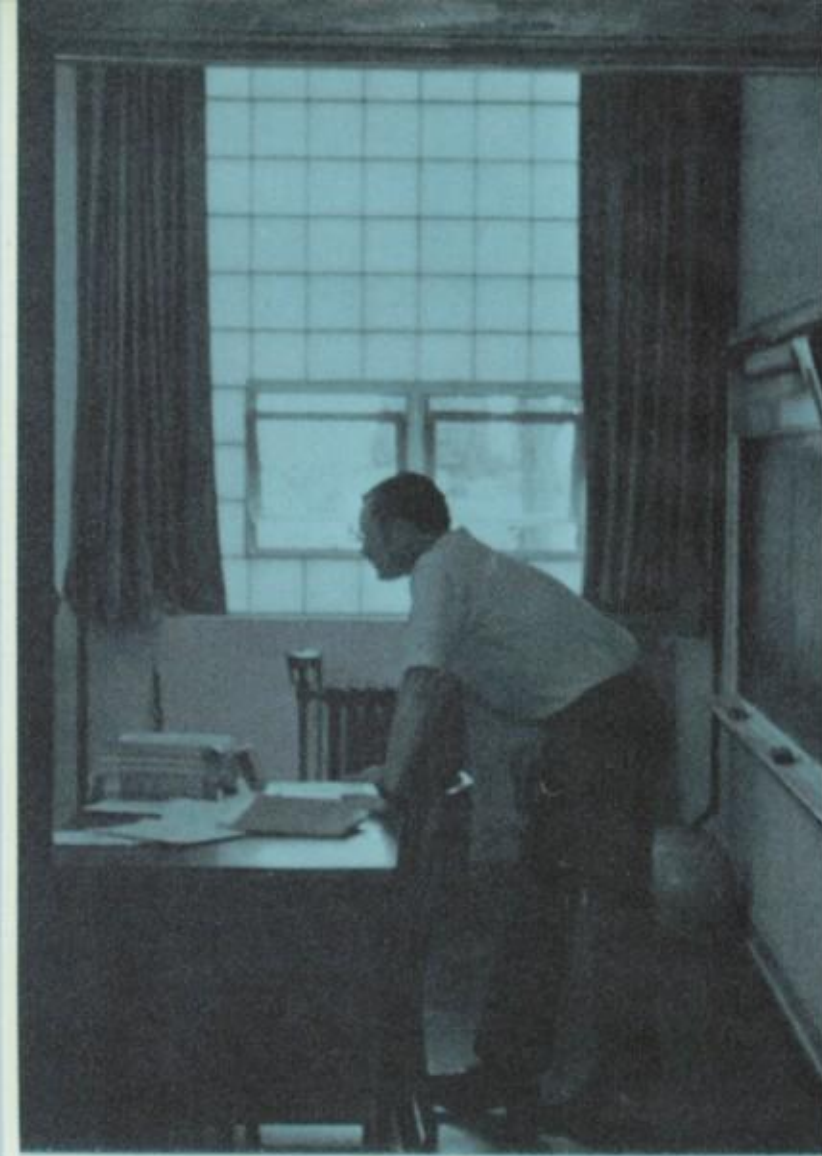




for those who have shared
thirteen years of emotions
anyone who has played
a part in my life

the words just won't come.
they won't form in my mind.
so with dickens i'll say
"it was the best of times."

It was the
worst of times





the last buzzer had sounded
the final call was given
the score was up in lights
the two points were recorded

they had won
nothing we said or did would change it
nothing we ever say or do will change it
it's history now.

anger, hate, frustration
slowly began to grow until
we burst with venomous words
against everyone and everything

we lost
we didn't make it
we were defeated
but wait . . .

we were still a team
we had each other
and for each other
we had . . .

sacrificed
given our all
done our best
in our own way
we HAD won.

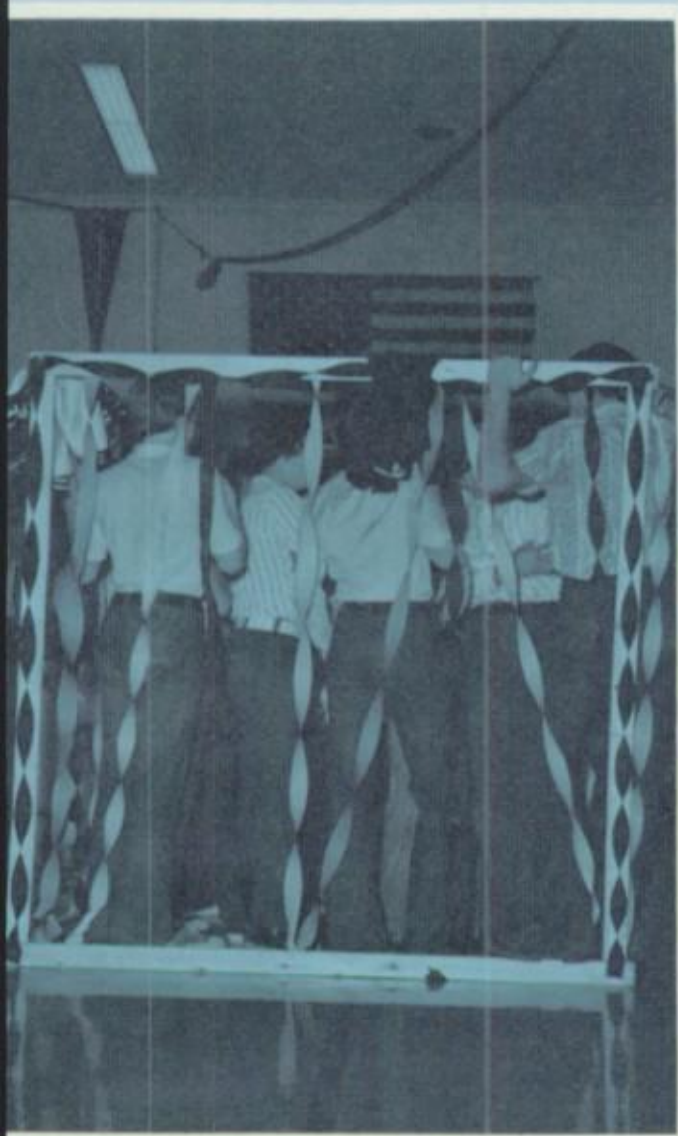
It was the age of wisdom

if i write till my mind and heart ache
and no one receives anything from my writings
all is lost.

but if just one word from my pen
motivated one person to thought
all is gained.



It was the age of foolishness



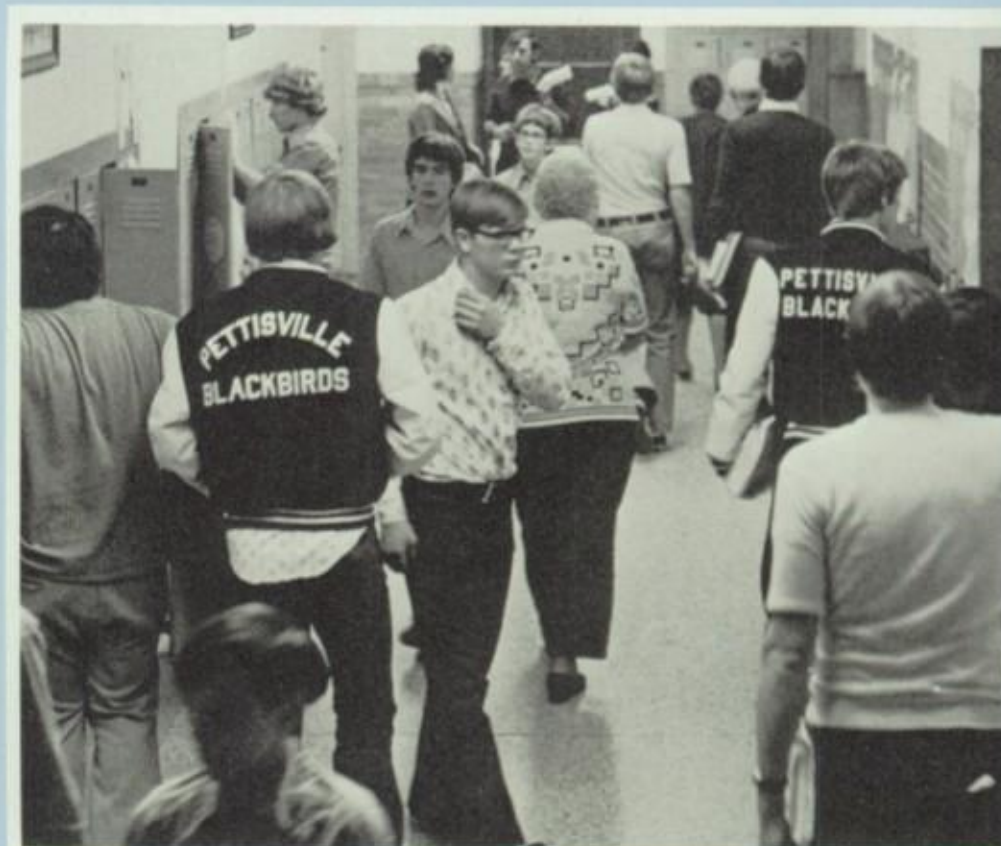
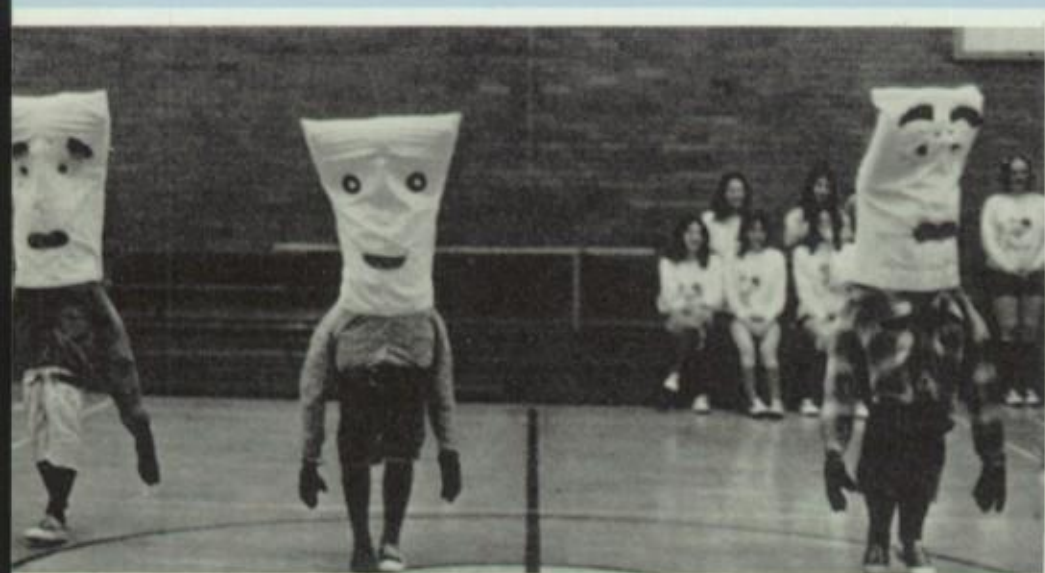
did you ever stick 7 pieces of bubble gum in your mouth all at once? no? you have yet to live.

just to feel all that chewy, gooey, goodness between your cheeks. to roll it around with your tongue and press it up against the roof of your mouth and see how long it sticks. to be able to chew and chew and chew till your jaws hurt.

and then, the big moment you've been waiting for. you begin preparations. you roll it all into one big ball, stick your tongue into the mass and blow!

bigger and bigger it grows, till sight is lost for everything but that filmy sweet-smelling goo. kapow! ah! ecstasy!





It was the season of light

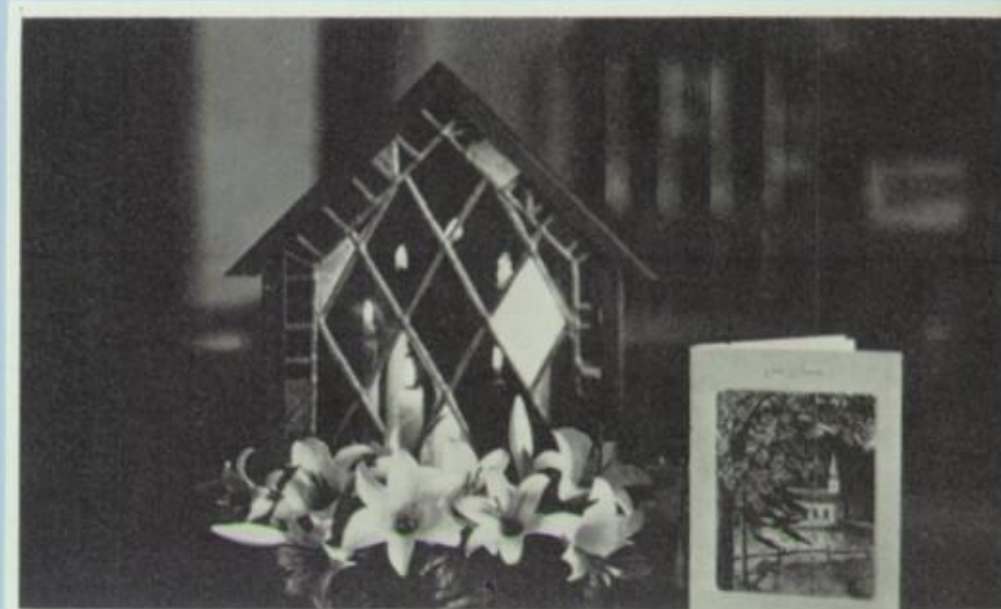
life - a candle - the same

hard to light at first,
but as the wick catches fire
it burns brightly, growing more and more brilliant.

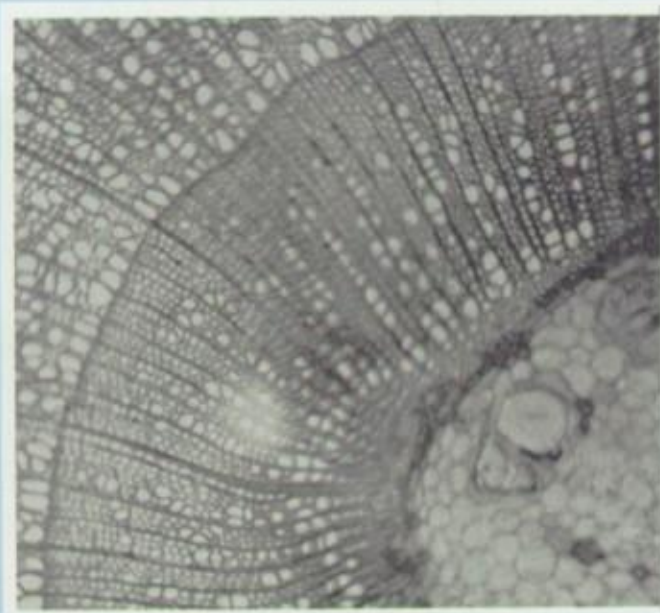
the flame illuminates the room,
searching, seeking, shining
into every darkened corner.

but as the hours go by
the wick needs trimming to keep on burning
the caretaker never overlooks his job of keeping it
trimmed.

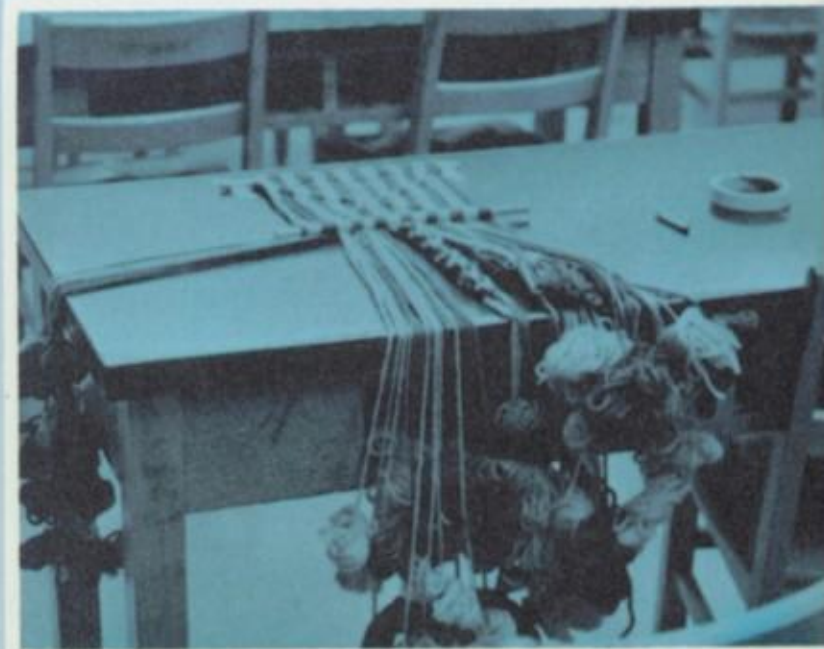
then, as the last minutes draw nigh
the light grows dimmer, flickers, gone
life - a candle - the same.



It was the season of darkness



not knowing
where to search
what to search for
who to search for
only knowing
the need to search.



It was the spring of hope



two ships
silent ships
sailing side by side at sea
through tempest and storm
together they went
each helping to guide
keeping the other on course
sometimes a wind would arise
too much for one to handle
but because there were two
they resumed their direction
always heading for the horizon
that final horizon



but now they begin to part
no longer side by side
each going her own separate way
as the years pass
they may lose sight of each other
but the horizon is still ahead of
 them both
the same horizon
that final horizon
where they'll dock at last
then they'll turn to each other
and remember
treasures of wealth they've
 shared
not gold or silver
but the everlasting treasure
for you see
they were friends
two ships
silent ships
now at last
side by side at sea
forever.



It was
the winter
of despair



i don't feel like creating today.
i feel like ripping
tearing
throwing things
overturning tables
soaping windows
messing up lockers
dumping ash trays
emptying bookshelves onto the
floor
writing on desks
kicking dirt on the sidewalks
doodling on posters
now--look back,
see?
i have still created--
a mess.





We had
everything
before us





oh God

it was so great here
but help us to go ahead
to leave this place and these friends
taking with us only
the pleasant memories of those blessed
times.

but don't let those memories
keep us from what's ahead
there's so much out there to be enjoyed
so much--
too much to miss.





We have nothing
before us





my heart aches for i know something is lost
only once can i pass this way
the joys and sorrows i have felt in the past
will never be felt in the same way again.

the lives that i know
and have come to love
are changing
i'm changing

i look back and remember
beautiful things i have learned
but i must turn
and face forward to the hills

more beauty is there
beauty to be felt
beauty to be seen
beauty to be heard . . .
to be loved . . .
to be shared.

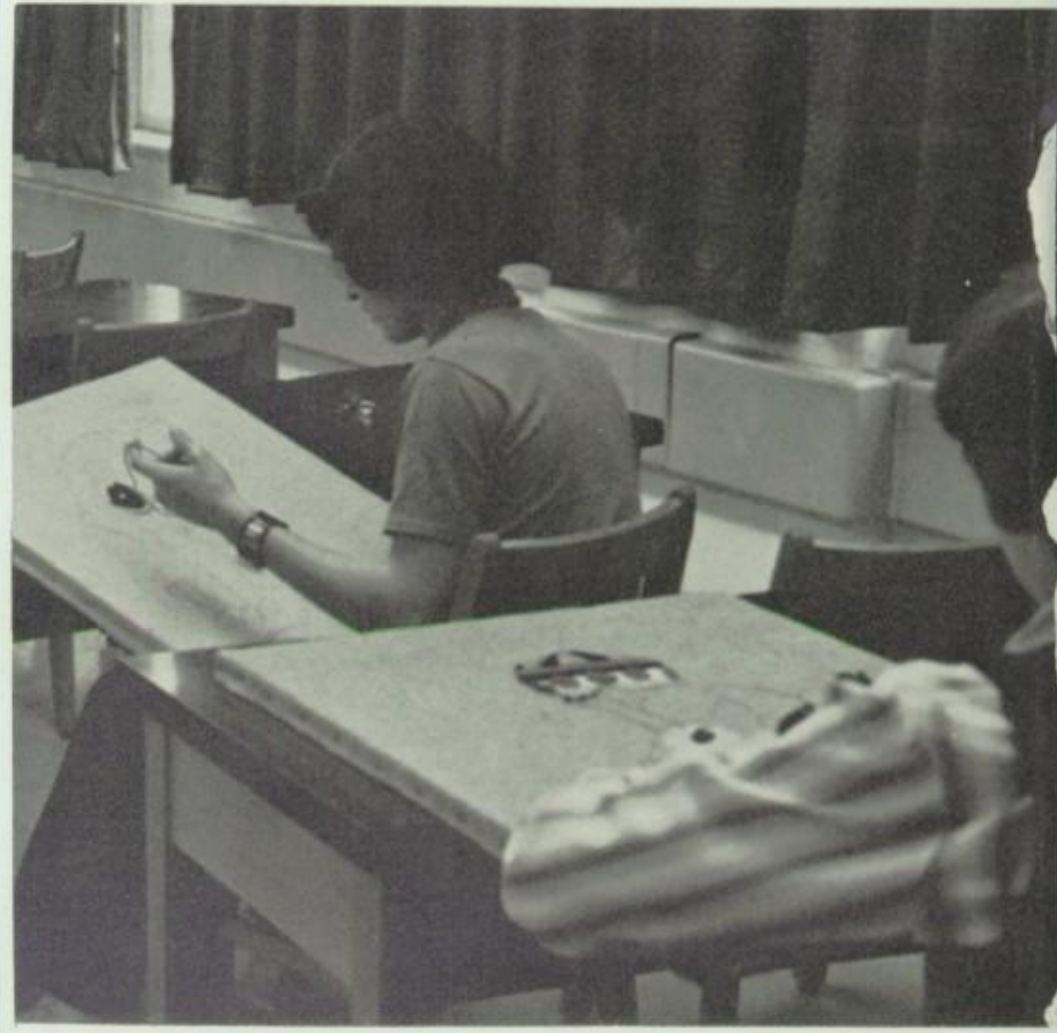




"it was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. we had everything before us, we had nothing before us."

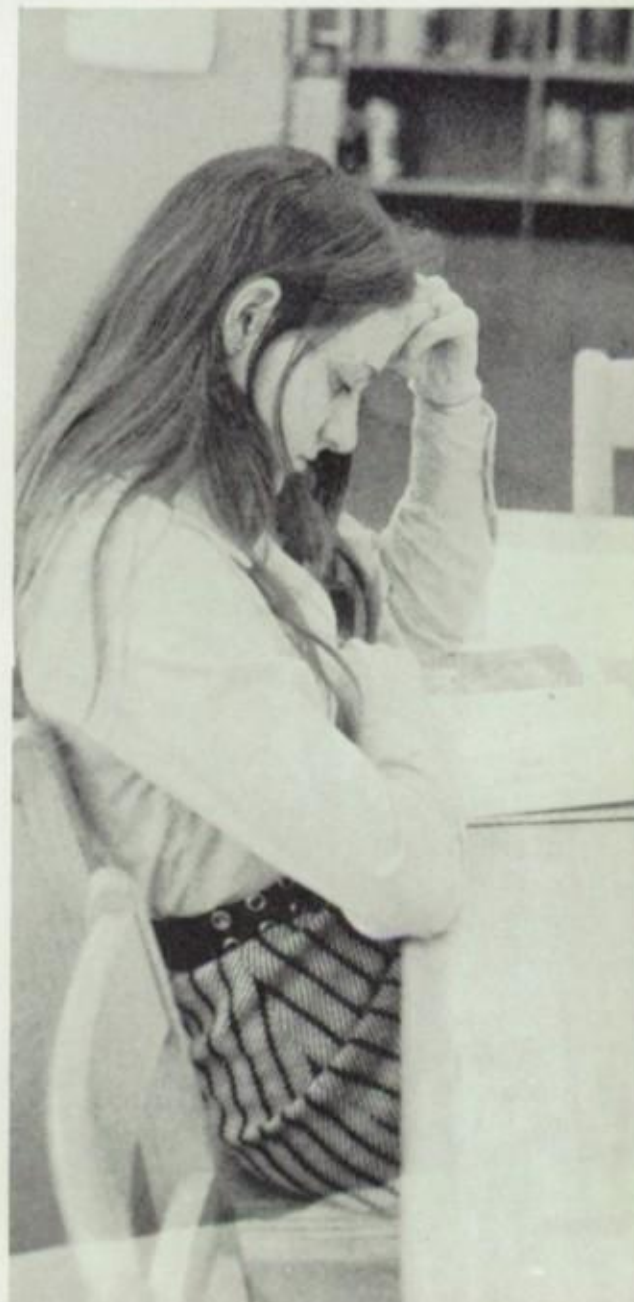
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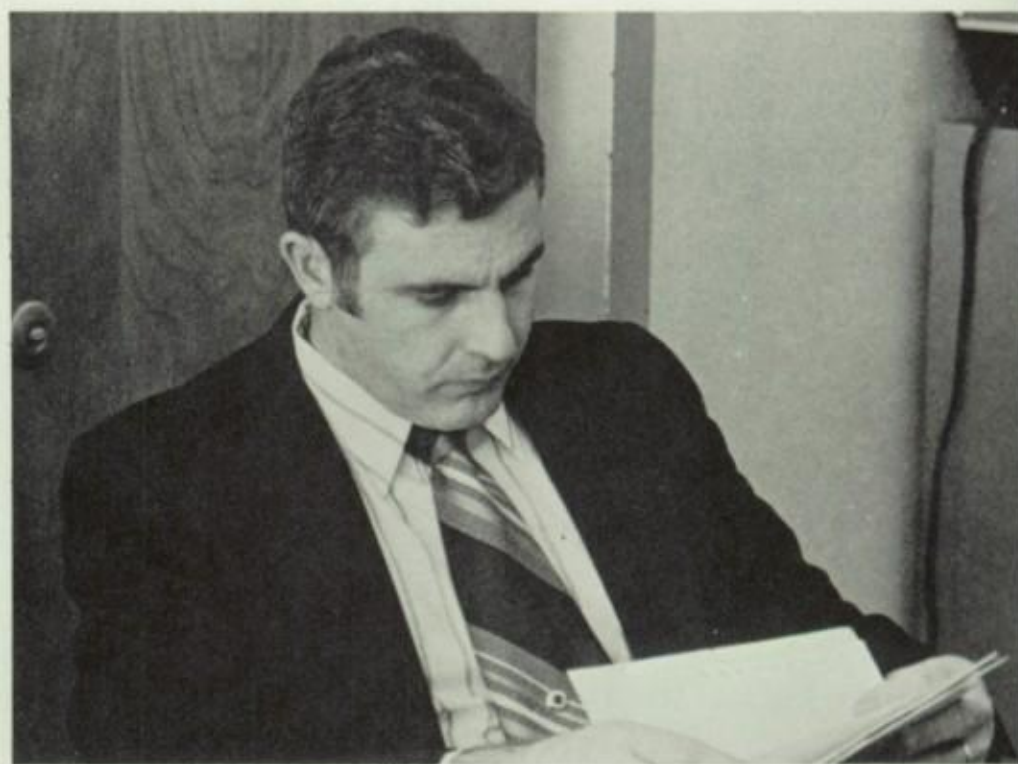
the poems were written by susan yoder.



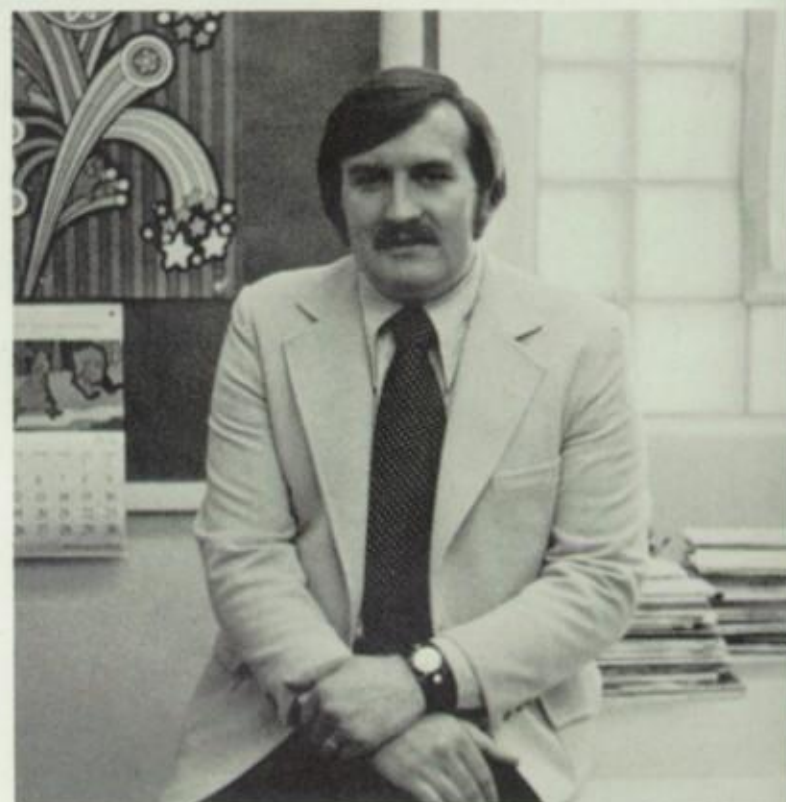


ACADEMICS





Administration strives for a better school



ABOVE LEFT: Mr. Mark Ray, government teacher, concentrates on one of his student's questions.

RIGHT: Mr. Roger Pfund is the elementary principal and also teaches fifth grade.

ABOVE RIGHT: As school superintendent, Mr. David Lersch has many duties to perform.

BELOW: As principal of the high school, Mr. Mark Ray has many responsibilities.

Serving as members of the school board are: Mr. Donald Liechty, President; Mr. Lawrence King, vice president; Mr. Rodney Nofziger; Mr. Curt Spengler; Mr. Dale Klopfenstein; Mrs. Miriam Ray, clerk.





Scientists seek answers



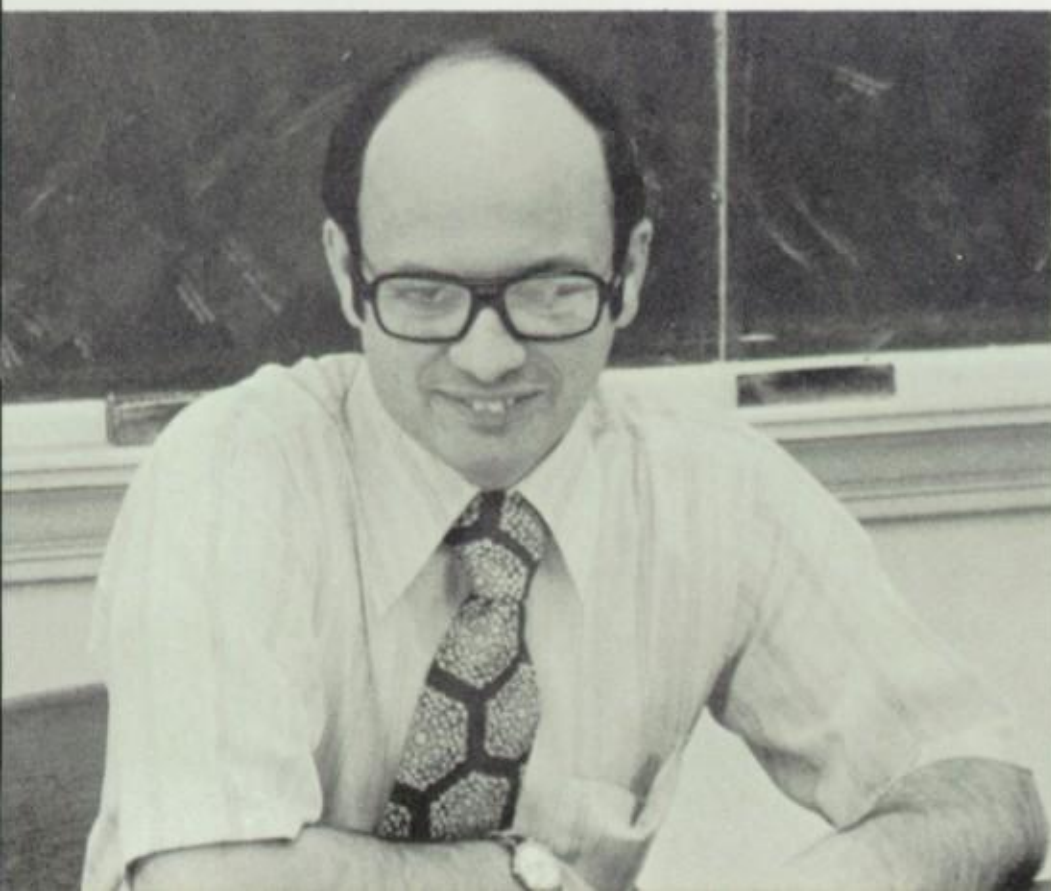
ABOVE LEFT. Kevin Beck performs his chemistry experiment cautiously so it will not need to be repeated.

ABOVE RIGHT. Miss Penelope McCartney questions the answer one of her science students has written on the board.

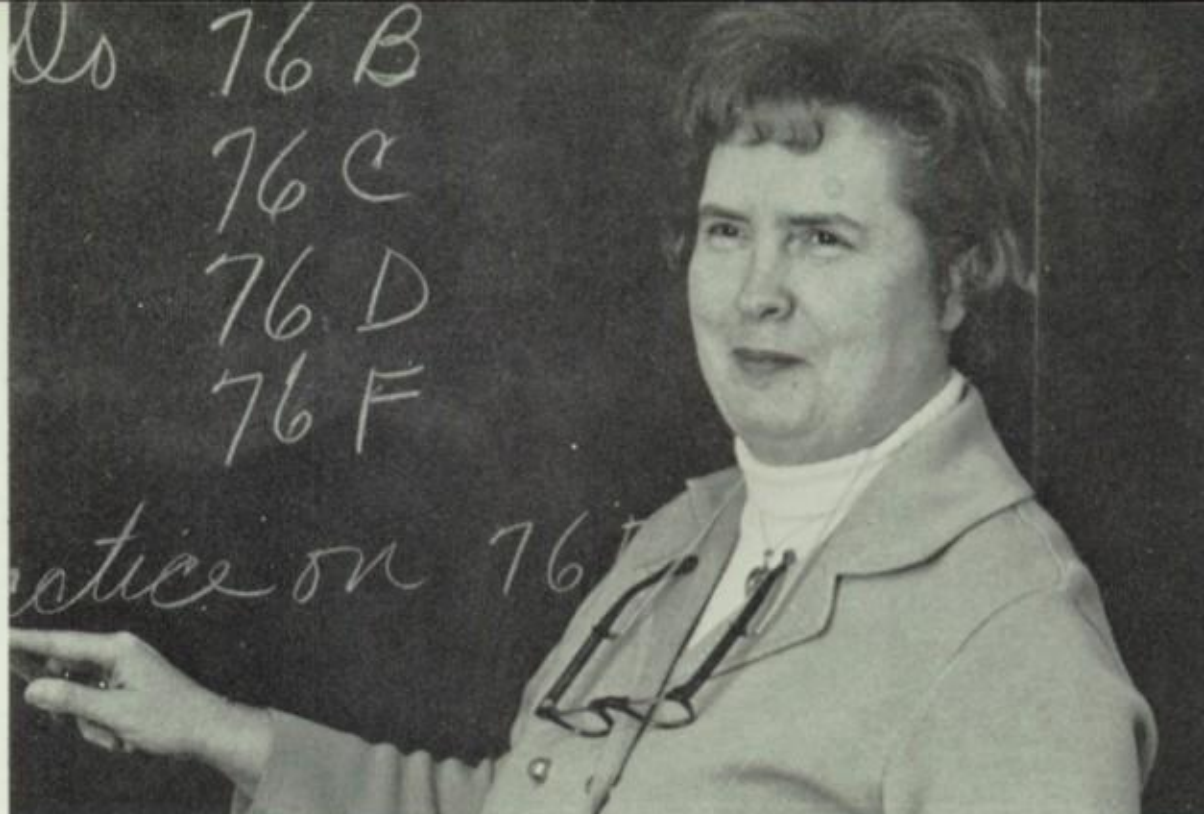
LEFT. Mr. David Ripke, science and math teacher, makes note of an appointment he has with a student.

BELOW LEFT. Mr. Stephen Brannan can not quite believe the ridiculous question one of his math students has asked.

BELOW RIGHT. Trying to block out the confusion around her, Beth Boger studies diligently.



Vocational courses have a lot to offer



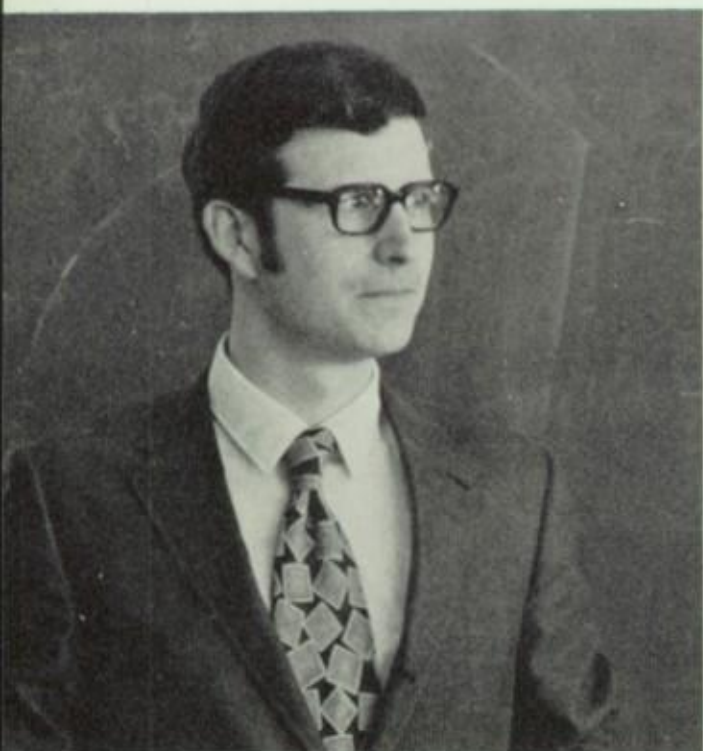
ABOVE RIGHT. Mrs. Golda Boyer, business teacher, is amused as one of her students tries to convince her that homework is not important.

CENTER LEFT. Our home economics teacher, Mrs. Rosemary Lind, isn't particularly upset by the photographer's presence.

CENTER RIGHT. Mr. Robert Stone, vocational agriculture teacher, is not sure what's wrong with this saw, but he's bound to find out.

BELOW LEFT. Mr. James Meyer contemplates how to convince a student that industrial arts is important.

BELOW RIGHT. Tom Beck is completely involved in the engine he is repairing.





Teachers enjoy their professions in and out of the classroom

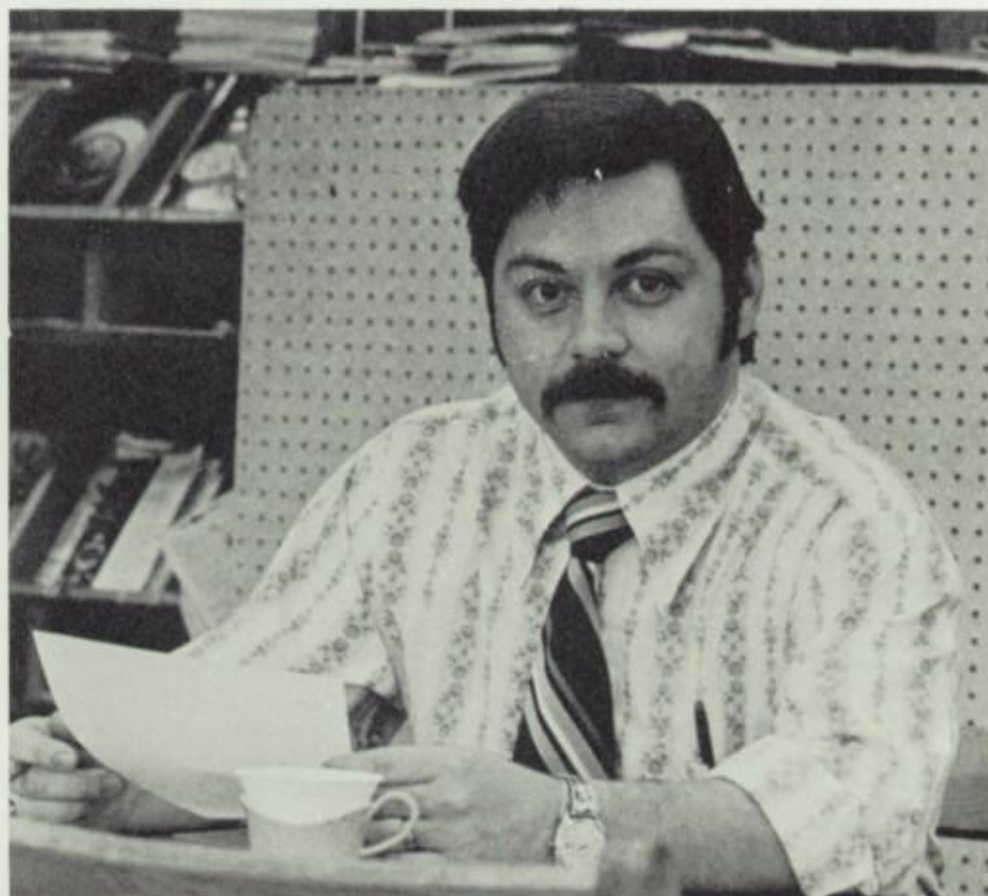


ABOVE. Mr. Phil Rychener still finds time to smile after his busy schedule teaching driver's education, health, and physical education.

LEFT. Mrs. Janet Pfund, girls' physical education and health teacher, especially enjoys outdoor activities such as archery.

BELOW LEFT. Besides being a history teacher, varsity basketball coach, and physical education teacher, Mr. Richard Selgo serves as athletic director.

BELOW RIGHT. History is not only a profession for Mr. Gary Frazier, but also a hobby as he spends his spare time in studying the past.



Four county students learn skills

ABOVE. Sandy Seiler knows that to be a good stenographer one must practice often.

RIGHT. One thing in an office you must do efficiently is type, and Merna Aeschliman does just that.

LOWER LEFT. Lowell Rice finds repairing appliances to be a worthwhile task.

LOWER RIGHT. Lila Rice enjoys learning how to be a better secretary.

BELOW. Robert Correa knows that accuracy is important in learning printing skills.



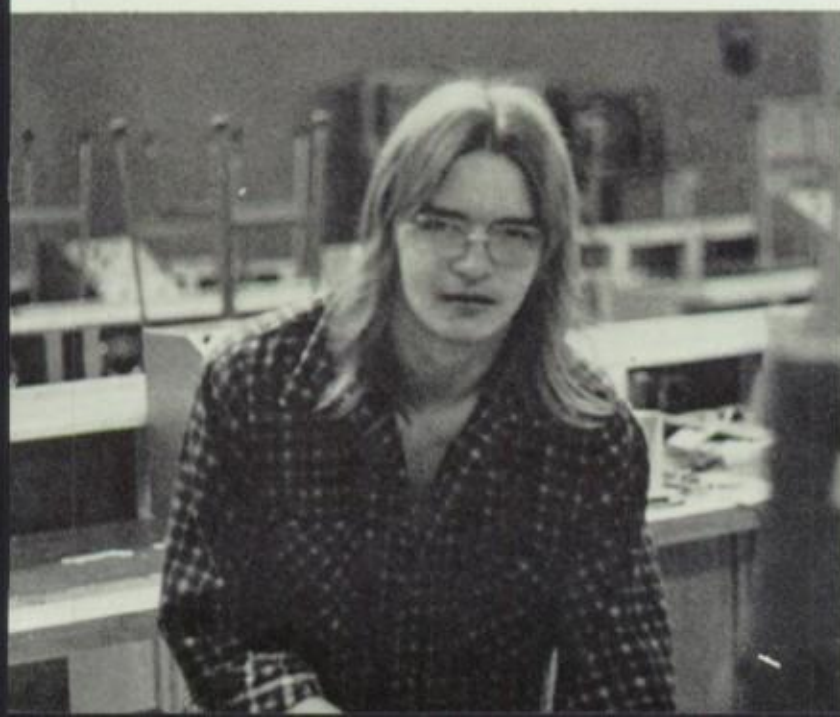


ABOVE. Jane Roth maintains a bright outlook on life amidst the troubles of learning office skills. ABOVE LEFT. Stanlee McConnell toils busily on some electronical equipment. ABOVE RIGHT. Sandra Riegsecker seems to find something amusing about learning clerical skills. LEFT. Andrew Cerda learns the skill of auto mechanics by practicing. BELOW LEFT. John Altman pauses for a moment from his study of electronics. BELOW RIGHT. Susan Fowler is ready for anything - armed with a typewriter, paper, pen, and knowledge

Other senior four-county vocational students are: Deborah Ketring - cosmetology, and George Windisch - drafting.



There are also ten juniors presently enrolled at four-county. They are: John Kruse - drafting, David Moden - occupational work experience, Sue Rodriguez - account clerk, Keith Rupp - plumbing and air conditioning, Scott Rychener - machine shop, Anna Santiago - high skill stenography, Gary DeLine - electronics, Denise First - commercial art, Diane Gochenour - child care, Cindy Johnson - cosmetology.



Communication is the road to understanding



ABOVE. The children's theater class presented to the elementary a program consisting of a play entitled "The Magic Bookshelf." Shown here are Tim, Mary Roberts, Peter Pan, Doneta Riegsecker, and Sally, Deb Grieser.

RIGHT. Miss Loretta Rupp, English teacher and librarian, orders new books for the library.

BELOW LEFT. Miss Nancy Graber spends many hours preparing for her English, reading, and arithmetic classes.

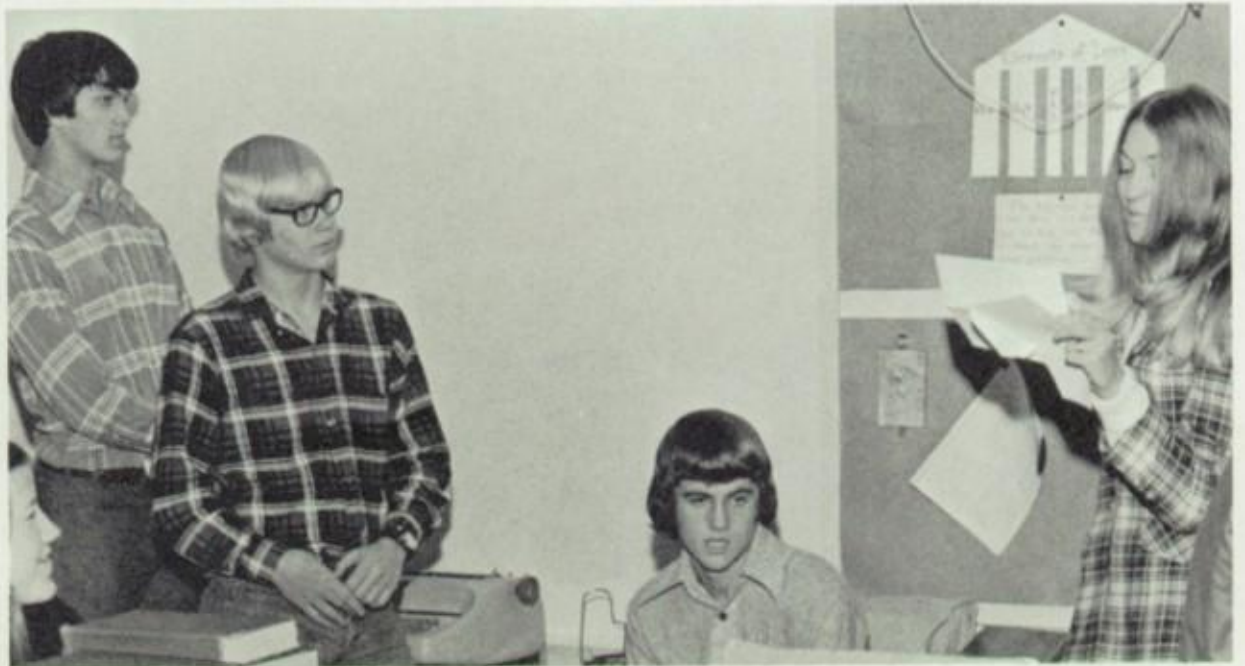
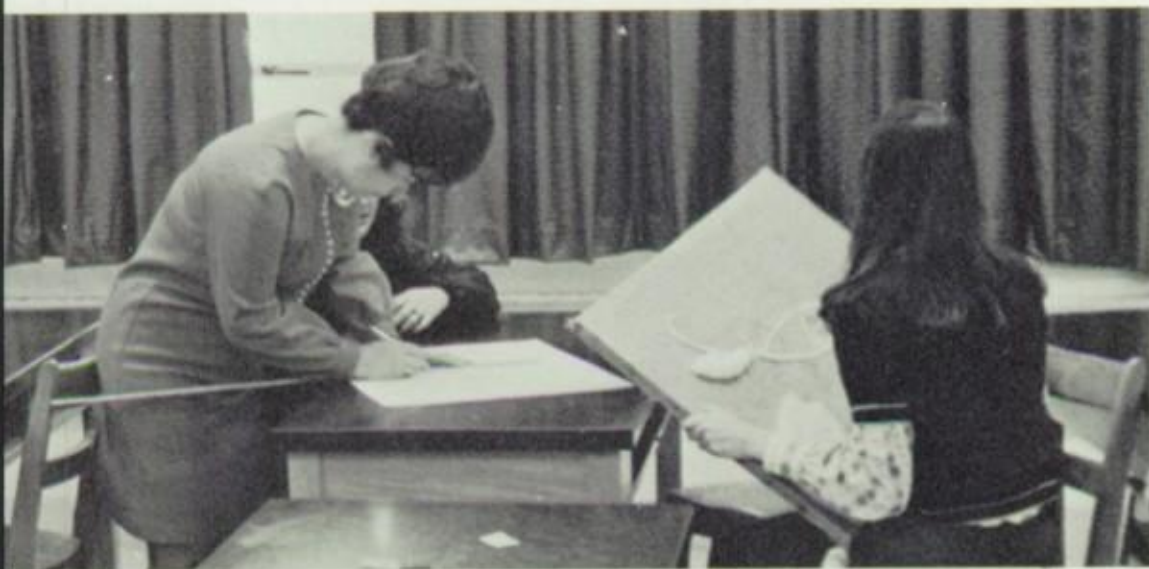
BELOW RIGHT. Mrs. Marsha Mourdock, English and journalism teacher is glad to go home, especially after such a hectic day.





LEFT. Mrs. Thelma Rychener, who teaches English, has discovered a clever idea to encourage class participation in one of her mini courses.

BELOW. In Mrs. Shirley Short's art class, creating a design with stitches is one of the numerous projects.



ABOVE LEFT. Kerry Beck knows that to present a good speech one must speak clearly.

ABOVE RIGHT. Journalism combines knowledge with enjoyment. Marv Meck, Marlyn Schrock, and Jon Wyse listen intently as Mrs. Mourdock reads aloud an editorial which will appear in the next issue of the Pet Echoes.

LEFT. In addition to teaching art, Mrs. Shirley Short enjoys communicating with her Spanish I and II students.





ABOVE LEFT. Besides being a secretary, Mrs. Hazel Rychener dispenses supplies to needy persons.

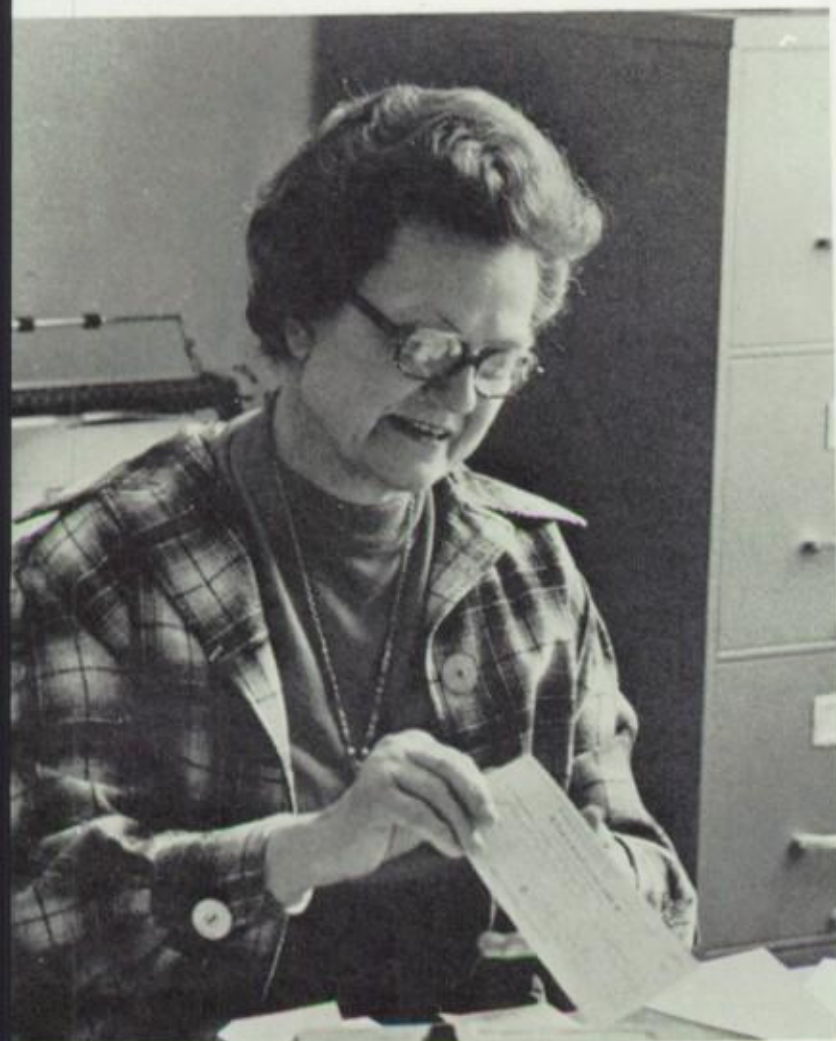
ABOVE RIGHT. Mrs. Wilma Schrock gladly takes everyone's lunch money.

RIGHT. Cleaning up after the students is a daily task for: Clarence Baer, Maynard Burkholder, Mabel Burkholder, Helen Rychener, Maryanne Beck.

BELOW. Without these faithful bus drivers, the school wouldn't have any students. From left they are: Bonnie Blosser, Herman Kauffman, Linda Casler, James Schrock. Erika Pearsall, Lucille Zaerr.



Personnel toil behind the scenes



ABOVE. As a school secretary, Mrs. Miriam Ray retains many school records.

LEFT. Mr. Maynard Burkholder often works late sweeping the halls.

CENTER. Mrs. Barbara Lantz busily occupies herself with preparing and serving nutritional meals.

BELOW. Planning the week's menu is a regular duty of the cafeteria staff. STANDING: Thelma Gearig, Florence Augustine, Bueta Rupp. SEATED: Iris Grieser, Barbara Lantz.

NOT PICTURED. Mrs. Dorothy Rychener - playground supervisor.



Voices are instruments of communication

RIGHT. Mrs. Patricia McCoy, speech therapist, enjoys working with Philip Speiss and Tina Riegsecker to improve their vocal articulation.

MIDDLE LEFT. Celeste Sigg concentrates on Miss Cron's direction.

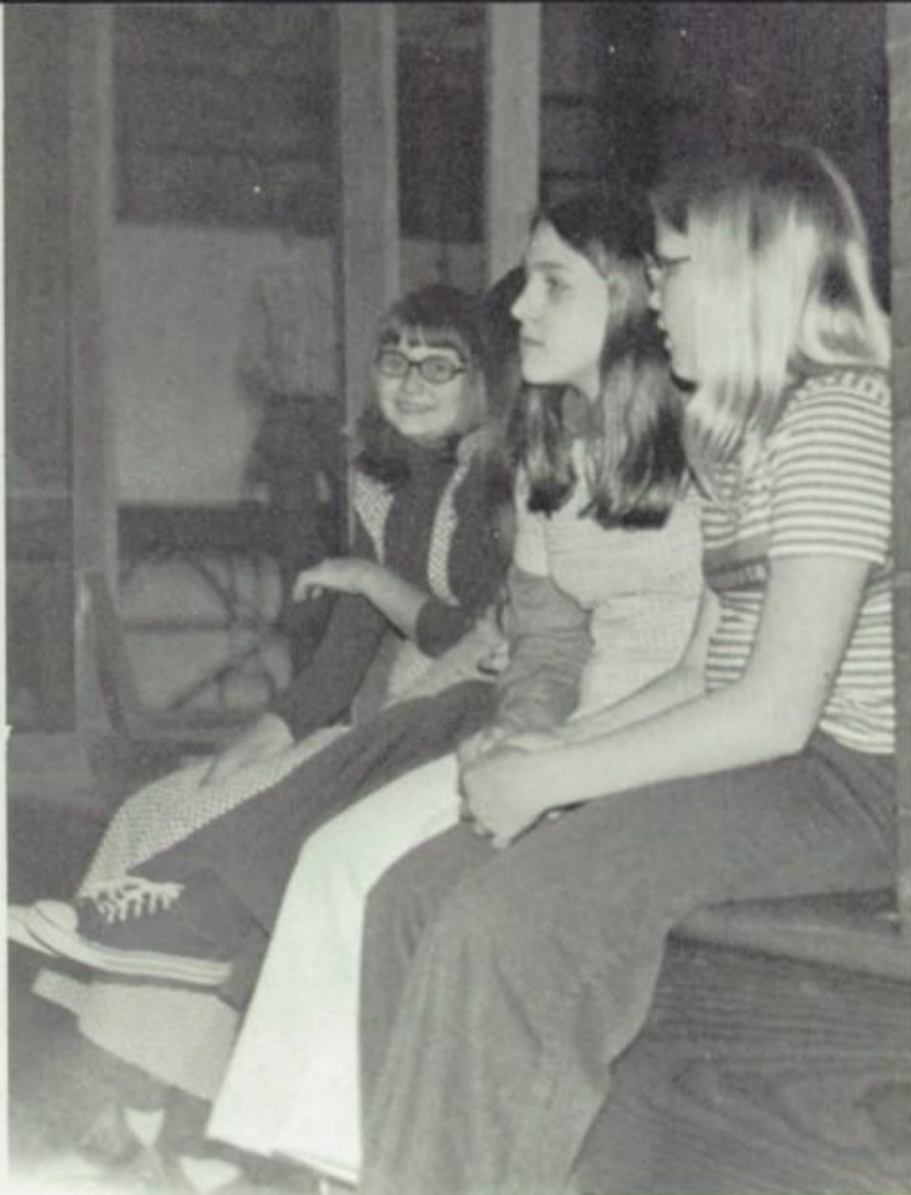
MIDDLE RIGHT. As president of the band, Kevin Beck exemplifies his skill as a director.

LOWER LEFT. Miss Cron, band and choir director, checks to be certain her directions are correct.

LOWER CENTER. The freshmen sign heartily to prepare for a performance.

LOWER RIGHT. In addition to teaching elementary music, Mrs. Nancy Rupp directed the fifth grade operetta.





ALBUM



The '74 seniors are active in their school daze



ABOVE. Brent Miller demonstrates his acting ability in the senior play as he portrays Charlie Gordon, a retardate.

CENTER LEFT. It doesn't take much to get seniors Richard Frey, Neil Sauder, and Delvin Rychener laughing at the assemblies.

CENTER RIGHT. At the GAA benefit, this little entertainer with her fellow "Blackettes" danced to the music of "Let's Go To The Hop".

RIGHT. Deb Ketring doesn't always look like this but she's always willing to serve as an experimental project for one of her fellow cosmetology students.



BELOW LEFT. Seniors Faith Gnagey, Neil Rupp, shows her enthusiasm for the team at the pep assembly.

ABOVE. Some seem bored and some are laughing, but with a smile, Jane Roth and Merna Aeschli-man seem quite content.

LEFT. Raggedy Andy, Sandy Grieser, and Raggedy Ann, Faith Gnagey, entertain the elementary in a puppet-style dance.

BELOW LEFT. Seniors Faith Gnagey, Neil Rupp, Brent Miller, and Sam Frey aim to stay in character during rehearsal.

LOWER LEFT. This senior, Marlin Gerig, really hides his talent under a sheet! But as the assembly begins to yell, this spirit certainly rises.

LOWER RIGHT. The Honor Society induction ceremony gives senior Jane Grieser a sense of satisfaction as she puts on her robe, symbolic of her membership.



“... make the most of today”



ABOVE LEFT. Rev. Pritchard Amstutz, a 1934 PHS graduate, returns to his alma mater to deliver the 1974 graduation address as Rev. Roy Sauder and Principal Mark Ray listen intently.

ABOVE RIGHT. A threatening cloud and flash of lightning prompt Mr. David Lersch-superintendent, to direct the audience to go from the sports field into the auditorium for completion of graduation exercises.

RIGHT. Delvin Rychener, Susan Yoder, and Brent Miller were chosen by classmates to speak at their graduation.

LOWER LEFT. The highest honor, the citizenship award, was presented to Susan Yoder by Principal Mark Ray.

LOWER RIGHT. Receiving the scholarship awards were from LEFT: Jane Grieser, Susan Yoder, Sam Frey, Delvin Rychener, Sandy Grieser, Alonna Gautsche, and, not pictured, Elaine Chaffee.



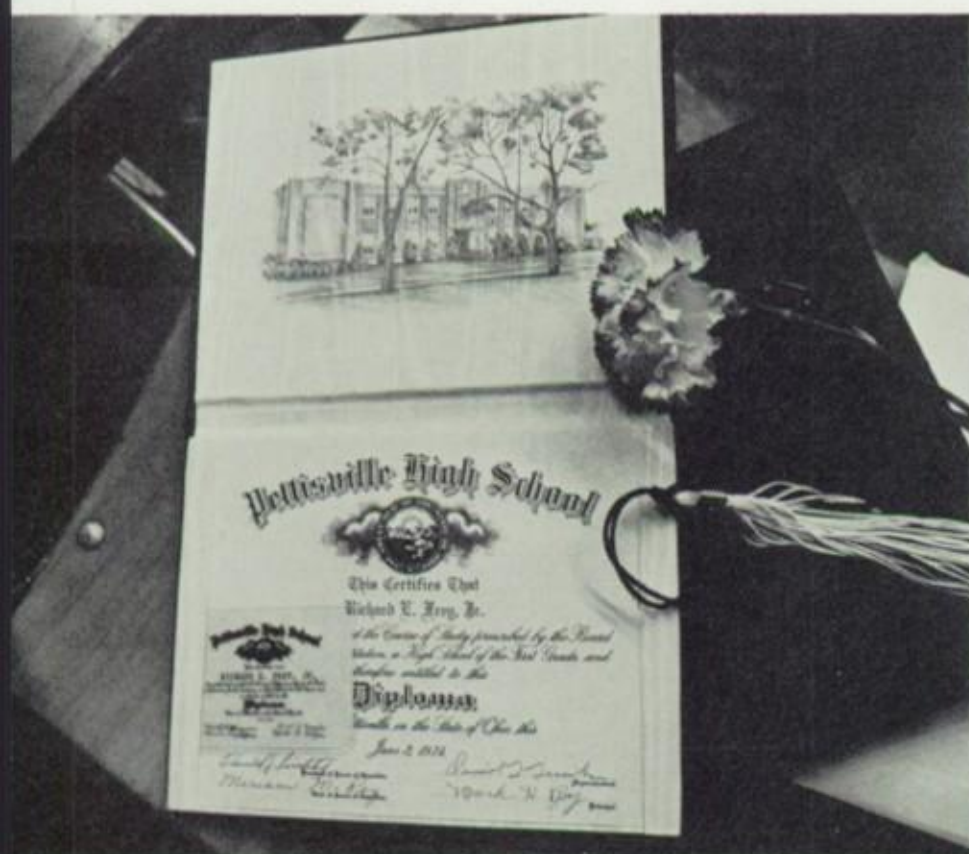


ABOVE. The class members anxiously await the presentation of their diplomas.

LEFT. Memories of June 2, 1974.

LOWER LEFT. Leading the seniors on their final walk as high school students were Mary Meck and Brad Rufenacht - junior marshalls.

LOWER RIGHT. Seniors prepare themselves for the climax of their school career.



Seniors complete their final year of school



Merna Aeschliman
Andrew Cerda
Peter Eicher
Richard Frey

Terry Aeschliman
Elaine Chaffee
Barbara Fenton
Sam Frey

John Altman
Robert Correa
Susan Fowler
Alonna Gautsche

Pedro Torres has been momentarily distracted from his speech-making.





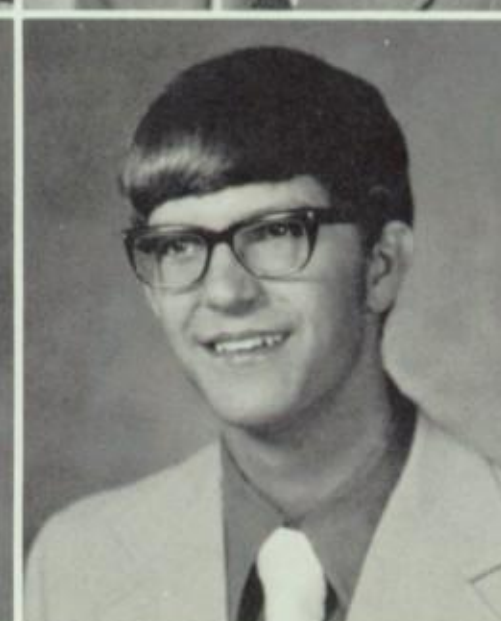
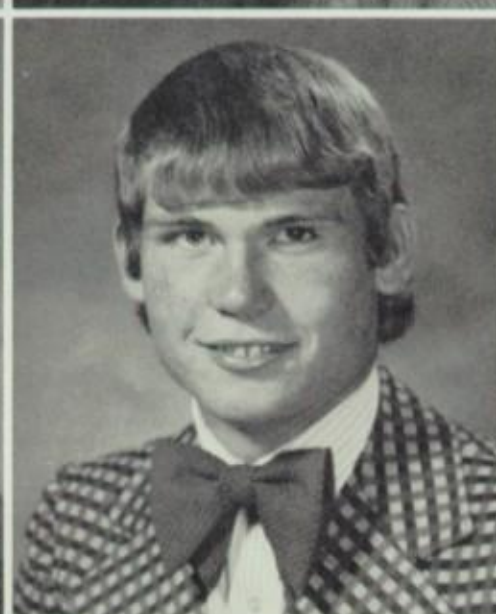
Besides teaching and directing the journalism staff, represented here by Donna Roth and Neil Sauder, Mrs. Marsha Mourdock was class adviser for this year's seniors.

Marlene Genter
Jane Grieser
Deborah Ketring

Marlin Gerig
Sandy Grieser
Marlene King

Faith Gnagey
Steve Gruenhagen
Stanlee McConnell

Milo Good
John Huber
Donald Meck





Brent Miller
Sandra Riegsecker

Karen Moden
Lila Rice

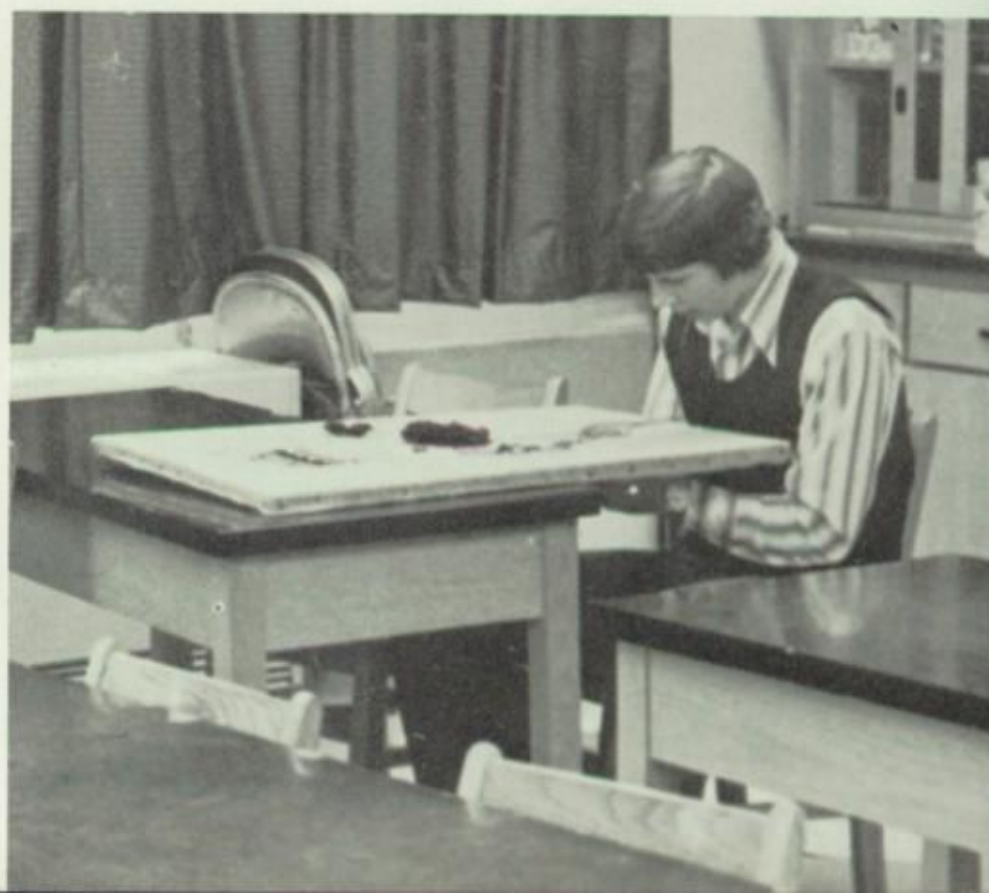
The seniors were involved in many activities throughout the year. They worked hard to make the class play "Flowers for Algernon" a success. Thirteen members attended Four County Vocational High School. The class trip to Washington D.C. and New York City was a rewarding experience for many seniors. Delvin Rychener - president, Sandy Grieser - vice president, Susan Yoder - secretary, Wanda Rupp - treasurer, and Mrs. Marsha Mourdock - adviser led the class of '74.



Julia Nafziger
Lowell Rice
Donna Roth

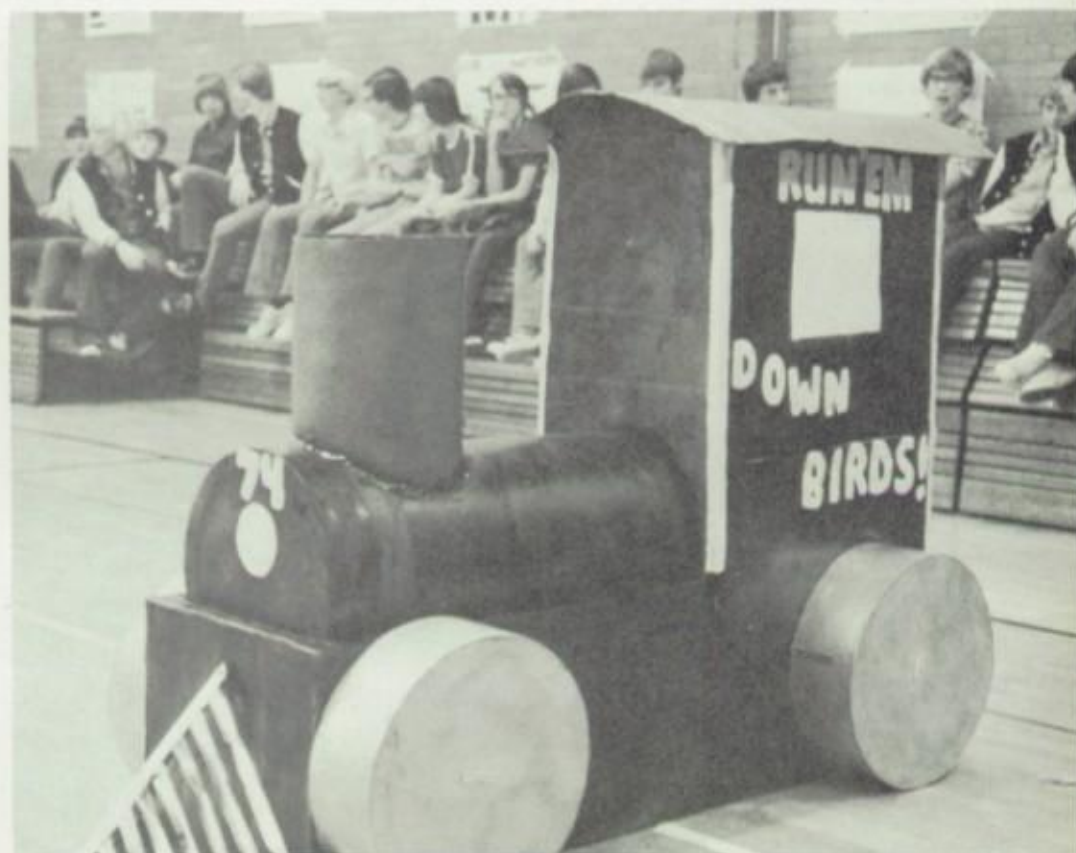
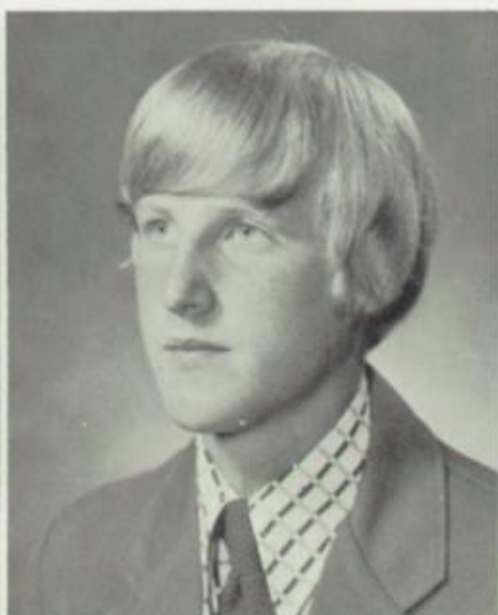
Duane Price
Ron Rittichier
Jane Roth

Ron Rittichier struggles to meet that stitchery project deadline.



Rex Rufenacht
Wanda Rupp
Neil Sauder
Pedro Torres

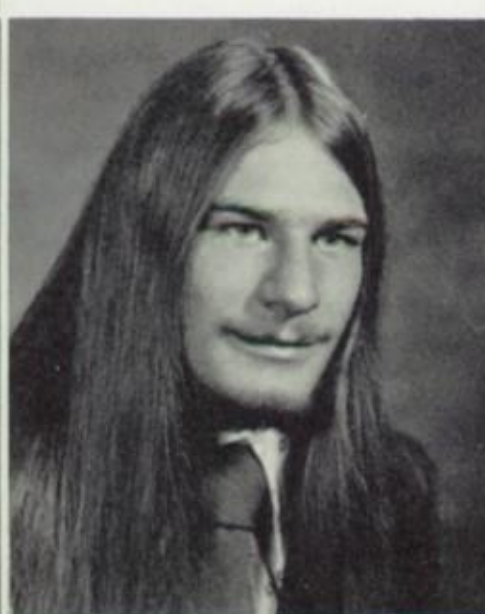
Neil Rupp
Delvin Rychener
Sandra Seiler
Norman Windisch



ABOVE. The seniors constructed an effigy of the Locomotives for this year's bonfire.

Rick Short
Susan Yoder

Mike Stuckey



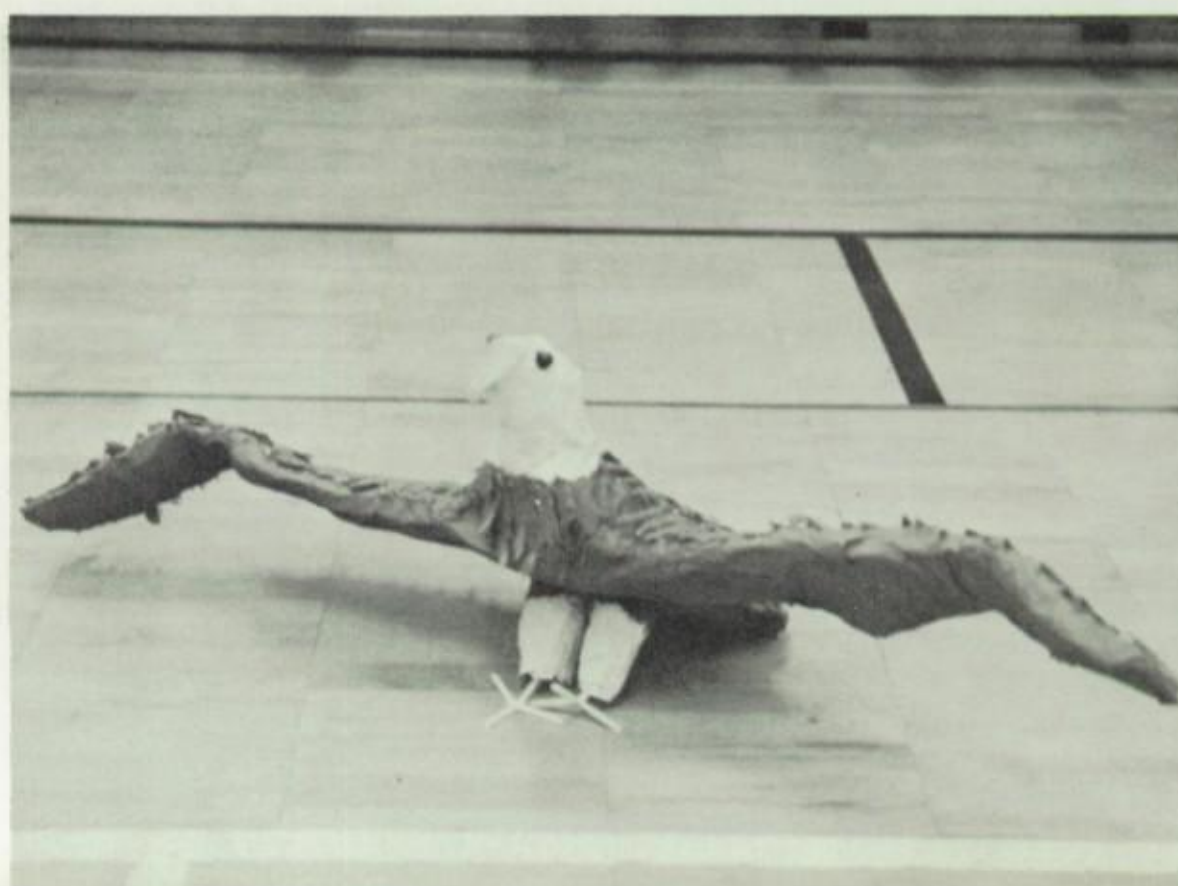
NOT PICTURED:
Joseph Brown

Juniors

This year's juniors sold hot dogs at home basketball games and mums at Homecoming. They worked busily preparing for their class play in October and the annual Junior-Senior Banquet in May. Officers this year were president, Brad Rufenacht; vice president, Mary Lou Meck; secretary, Deb Grieser; treasurer, Beth Boger; and adviser, Miss Loretta Rupp.

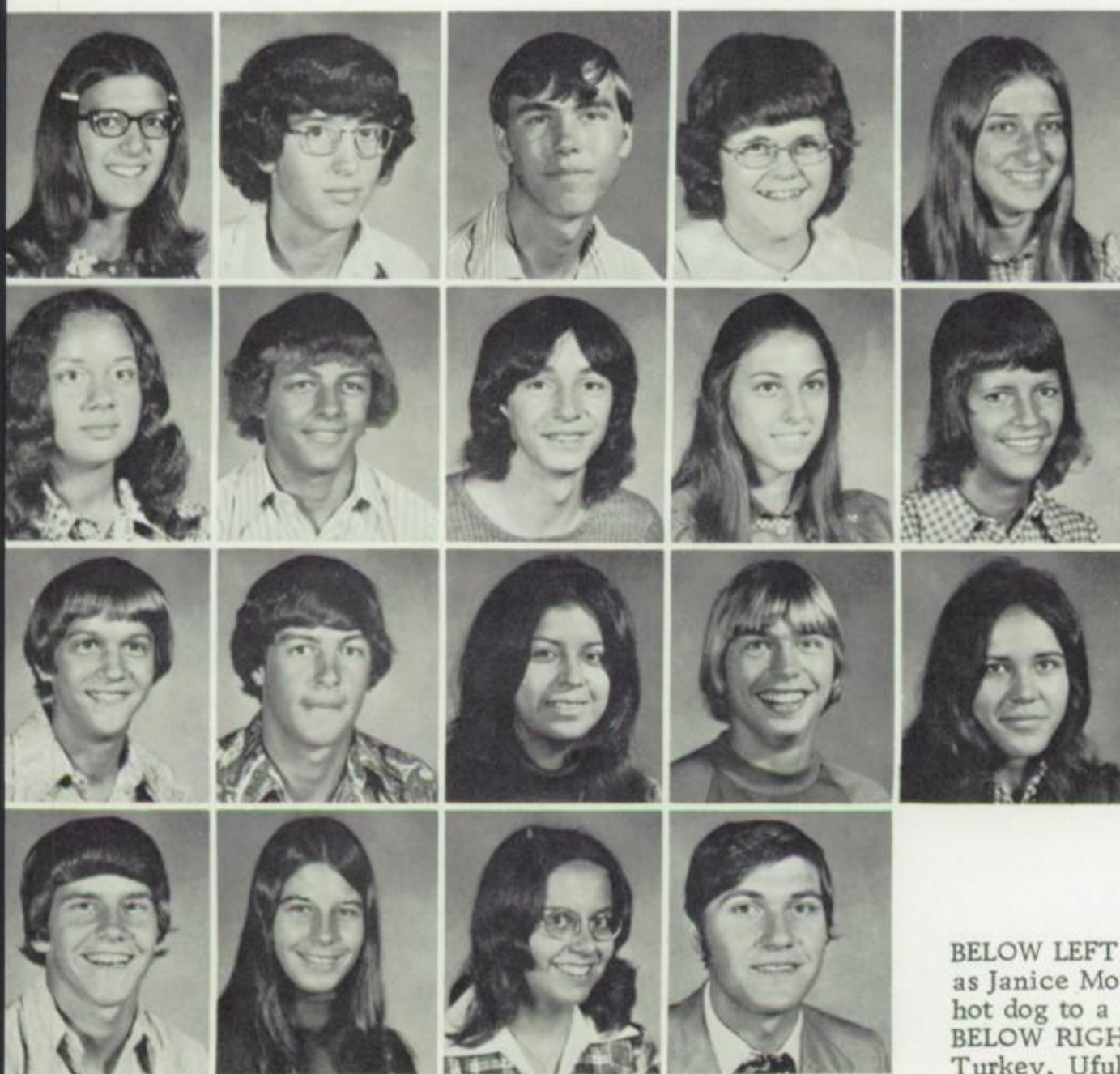


TOP ROW: Max Aeschliman, Kerry Beck, Kevin Beck. SECOND ROW: Beth Boger, Mark Bruner, James Crawford. THIRD ROW: Gary Deline, Emelie DeWit, David Eicher. FOURTH ROW: Sandra Fenton, Danny Ferreira, Denise First. FIFTH ROW: Bill Fricke, Cheryl Good, Debra Grieser. SIXTH ROW: Janet Hoops, Doug King, Krist King. SEVENTH ROW: Pete King. EIGHTH ROW: Jennifer Lawrence. NOT PICTURED: Vengie Estrada.



LEFT. The juniors effigy for the bonfire was a purple and gold eagle.





TOP ROW: Mary Lou Meck, Randy Miller, David Moden, Janice Montgomery, Angie Nafziger. SECOND ROW: Deborah Nofziger, Steve Nofziger, Frank Ramos, Doneta Riegsecker, Jody Roth. THIRD ROW: Brad Rufenacht, Terry Rufenacht, Susan Rodriguez, Keith Rupp, Anna Santiago. FOURTH ROW: Jim Selgo, Kim Short, Celeste Sigg, Ufuk Yavalar.

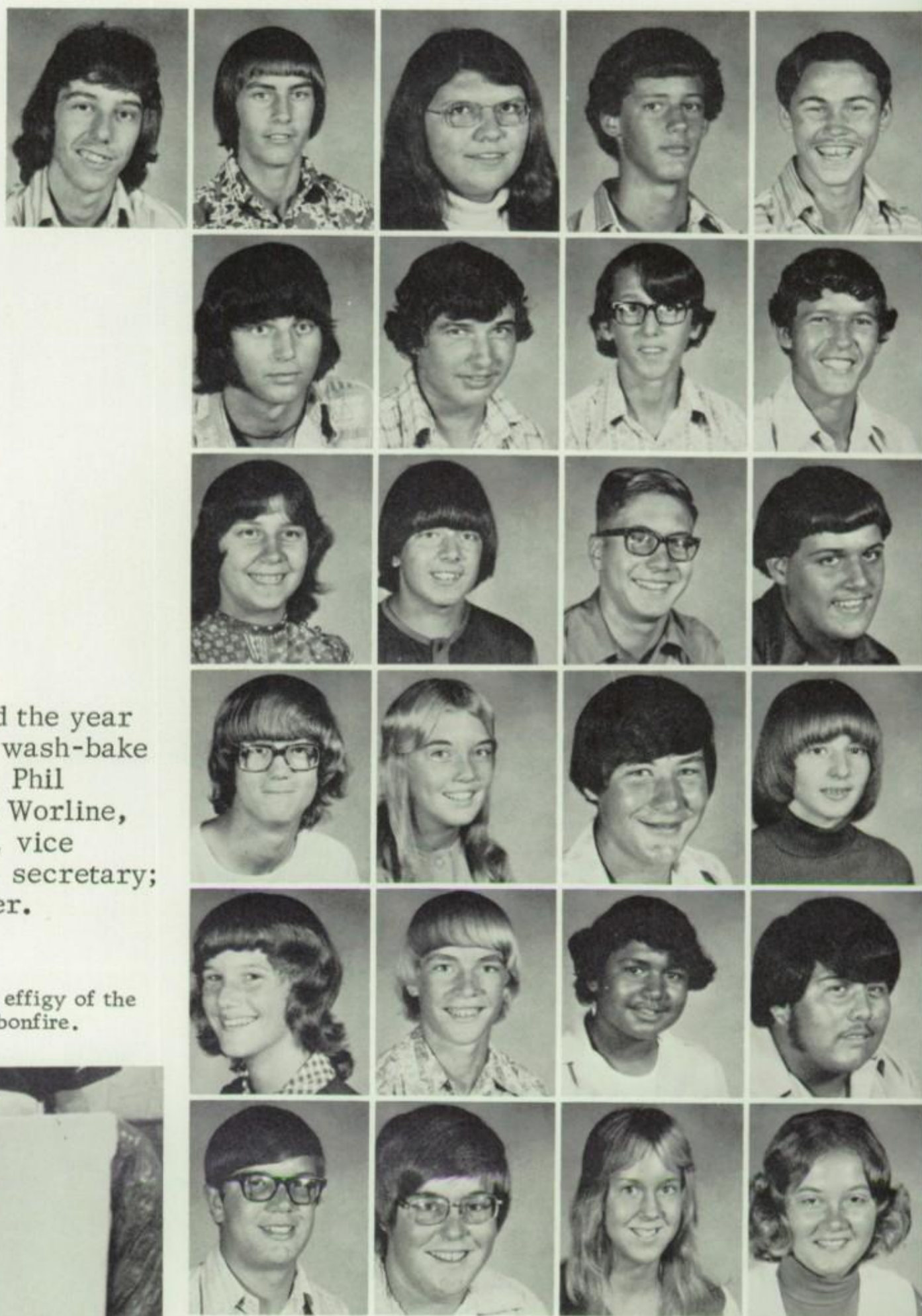
BELOW LEFT. A hungry customer waits anxiously as Janice Montgomery sells a mouth-watering hot dog to a satisfied patron. BELOW RIGHT. Our exchange student from Turkey, Ufuk Yavalar, is intrigued with the American way of life.



Sophomores

The sophomores highlighted the year with a gym party and a car wash-bake sale in April guided by Mr. Phil Rychener, adviser; Lenore Worline, president; Ronald Nafziger, vice president; Marlyn Schrock, secretary; Tom Klopfenstein, treasurer.

The sophomores constructed an effigy of the Hicksville Aces for the annual bonfire.



FIRST ROW: Reed Aeschliman, James Aschliman, Judi Baird, Tom Beck, Michael Brown. SECOND ROW: Neal Burkholder, Tony Carr, John Crawford, Joe DeLeon. THIRD ROW: Betty DeLine, Keith Eash, Lloyd Eby, Dave Fenton. FOURTH ROW: Charlie Frey, Mildred Frey, Dean Genter, Brenda Gnagey. FIFTH ROW: Beth Grieser, Kenneth Gruenhagen, Juan Hernandez, Isaias Jaramillo. SIXTH ROW: Nick King, Thomas Klopfenstein, Kandy Lantz, Deb Leininger. SEVENTH ROW: John Leichty, NOT PICTURED: Dan Cerda.





CENTER. Cindi Ramos and Melanie Schnitkey anxiously watch and hope for a strike while Judi Baird and Beth Grieser seem interested only in keeping score for the other bowlers.
BELOW. Cindi Ramos skims through the Pet Echoes searching for the latest news.



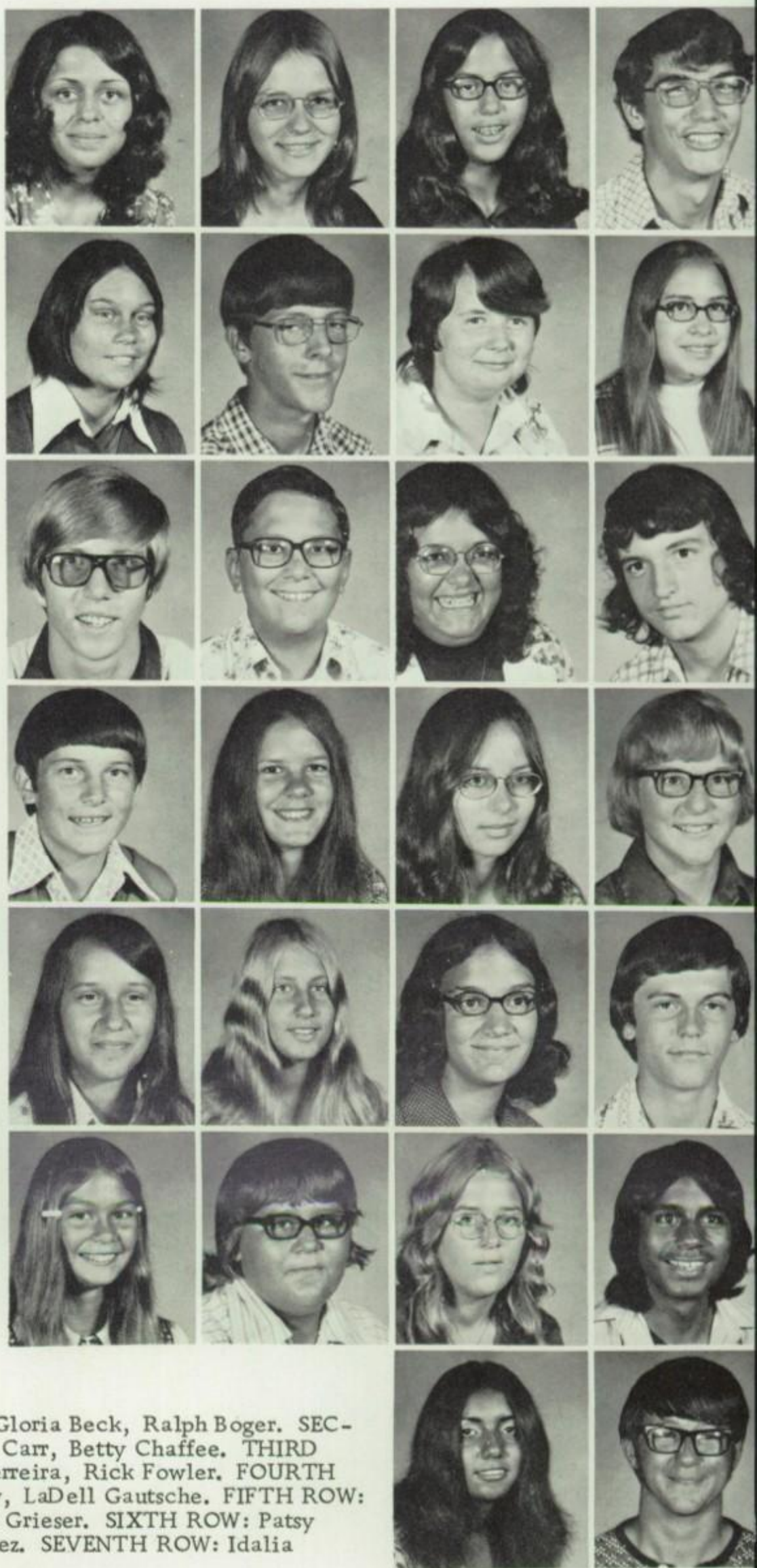
FIRST ROW: Mary Mansfield, Lisa McLaughlin, Linda McQuillen, Marvin Meck, Roxanne Mock. SECOND ROW: Ronald Nafziger, Kurt Nofziger, Philip Nofziger, Cynthia Ramos. THIRD ROW: Ronna Riegsecker, Mary Roberts, Gloria Rufenacht. FOURTH ROW: Diane Rupp, Rick Rupp, Kent Rychener. FIFTH ROW: Randy Sauder, Mark Schlueter, Melanie Schnitkey. SIXTH ROW: Marlyn Schrock, Tim Selgo, Philip Short. SEVENTH ROW: Randy Stuckey, Dan Wagler, Lenore Worline. EIGHTH ROW: Jon Wyse, Cindy Willison. NOT PICTURED: Frank Ramon.

Under the leadership of Dave Lersch-president, Karen Gerig - vice president, Mara Belle Frey - secretary, and Mable Meck - treasurer, the freshmen enjoyed a gym party and later in the year a skating party. At Christmas time they presented a concert to the elementary.



ABOVE: Lisa Wyse enjoys helping the kindergarten children frost cookies for their party. Lynette Yoder and Tina Spengler hope they aren't too messy.

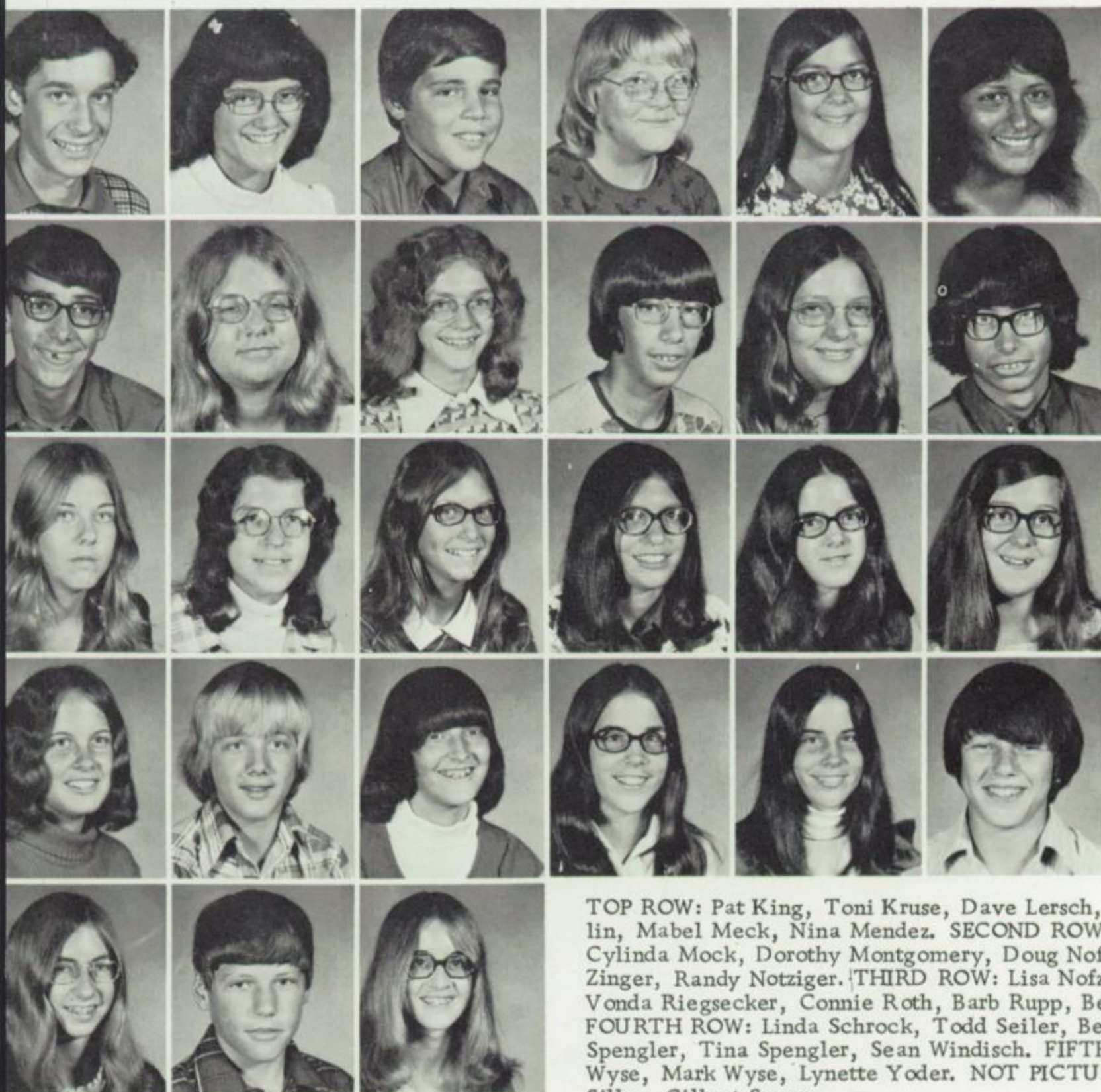
TOP ROW: Rosemary Arias, Robin Baumgartner, Gloria Beck, Ralph Boger. SECOND ROW: Kelly Brown, Ron Burkholder, Martha Carr, Betty Chaffee. THIRD ROW: Mark Christenberry, Steve Duvall, Linda Ferreira, Rick Fowler. FOURTH ROW: Jack Frey, Mara Belle Frey, Tambreah Frey, LaDell Gautsche. FIFTH ROW: Karen Gerig, Pam Goldsmith, Amy Grieser, Mike Grieser. SIXTH ROW: Patsy Grieser, Pam Grime, Patty Grime, Jessie Hernandez. SEVENTH ROW: Idalia Jarquin, Larry King.





Freshmen

LEFT. The freshmen cheer the Blackbirds on to victory as they surround their first-place effigy.



TOP ROW: Pat King, Toni Kruse, Dave Lersch, Laura McLaughlin, Mabel Meck, Nina Mendez. SECOND ROW: Jody Miller, Cylinda Mock, Dorothy Montgomery, Doug Nofziger, Karen Nofziger, Randy Notziger. THIRD ROW: Lisa Nofziger, Barb Rice, Vonda Riegsecker, Connie Roth, Barb Rupp, Beth Schlabach. FOURTH ROW: Linda Schrock, Todd Seiler, Beth Short, Tammy Spengler, Tina Spengler, Sean Windisch. FIFTH ROW: Lisa Wyse, Mark Wyse, Lynette Yoder. NOT PICTURED: Victor Siller, Gilbert Suarez.



The eighth grade, under the careful supervision of Mr. Stephen Brannan, adviser; Dianne Diener, president; Brent Rychener, vice president; Fred Frey, secretary; Sam Nofziger, treasurer; enjoyed a bowling party and a gym party. One section of the eighth grade also earned the recognition of having the greatest magazine sales.



The eighth grade performed a skit at the bonfire conveying their wishes that the Blackbirds be victorious.



TOP ROW: Jane Arias, Arnold Avina, Craig Beck, Mary Bendele, Jeni Bowers. SECOND ROW: Melodi Christenberry, Sally Christy, Dawn Colon, Dianne Diener. THIRD ROW: Eugene Double, Bill Eby, Curtis Eicher. FOURTH ROW: Tabb Evers, Lori Fenton. FIFTH ROW: Paul Fisher, Fred Frey. SIXTH ROW: Larry Frey, Pete Garcia, David Gerig. SEVENTH ROW: Rick Gochenour, Doug Good, Jeff Graffice, Cheryl Grieser. EIGHTH ROW: Jerome Grime, John Herring, Philip Herring, Debra Kauffman, Tom King. NOT PICTURED: Rick Estrada, Albert Hernandez.





Grade Eight

LEFT. This lifelike ram was the eighth graders' effigy for the annual bonfire.



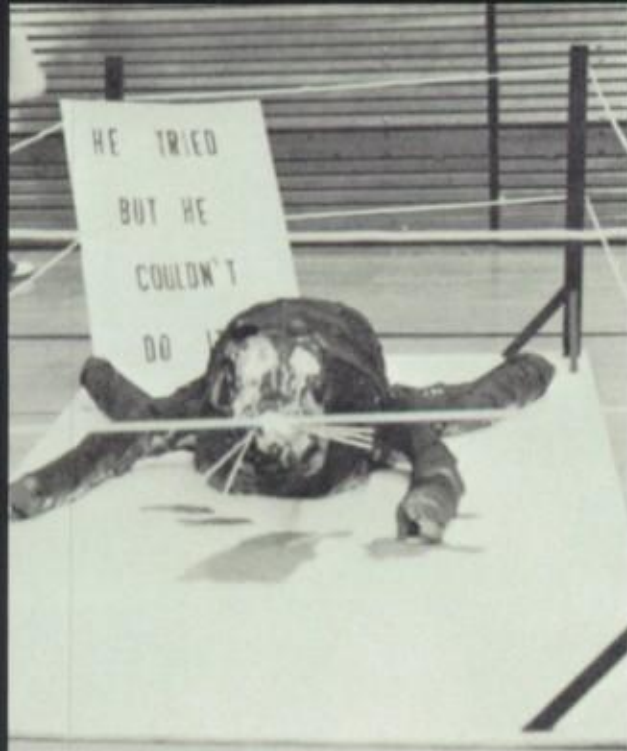
TOP ROW: Alice Mansfield, Mike Mansfield, Virginia Mendez, Vonda Metzler, Ross Miller. SECOND ROW: John Nafziger, Linda Nafziger, Sam Nofziger, Alice Olvera, Jeff Osborne. THIRD ROW: Alan Pfund, Rita Riegsecker, Richard Roth, Carol Rupp, Russ Rupp. FOURTH ROW: Brent Rychener, Karen Sauder, Pam Sauder, Tim Schlueter, Greg Schmitz. FIFTH ROW: Dallas Schrock, Douglas Stinson, Isabella Torres, Jesus Torres, Adele Villareal. SIXTH ROW: Rhonda Waidelich, Jeffrey Worline, Anita Yoder.



ABOVE. The seventh graders entertained everyone at the bonfire with a clever skit.

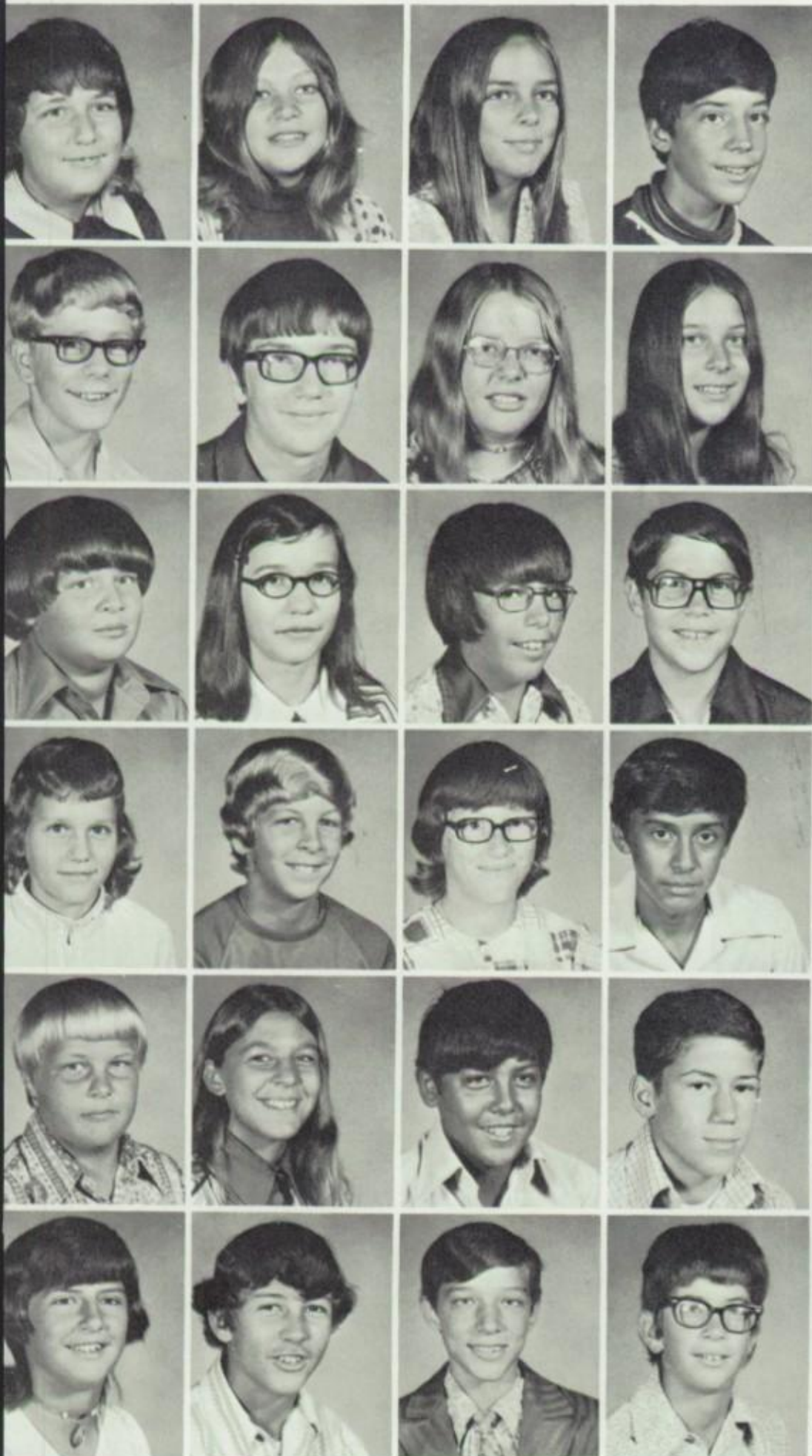
TOP ROW: Antonia Arias, Larry Aschliman, Donna Beck, Dawn Beltz, Terry Blosser. SECOND ROW: Shirley Boger, Ken Burkholder, Adele Chaffee, Chuck Crawford. THIRD ROW: Larry Crawford, Lori Davenport, Duane DeLeon, Larry DeLine. FOURTH ROW: Marilyn DeWit, Beverly Eash, Allen Frey, Glen Frey. FIFTH ROW: Joan Frey, Randy Frey, Bob Fricke. SIXTH ROW: Brent Gnagey, Dawn Grieser, Ernie Hernandez. SEVENTH ROW: Elizabeth Jaramillo, Duane King, Richard King. EIGHTH ROW: Marion Leininger, Dawn Lersch, Mary Lou Martinez.

The seventh graders completed a worthwhile year under the leadership of Tim Wagler, president; Brent Gnagey, vice president; Kevin Yoder, secretary; Allen Frey, treasurer; and Miss Nancy Graber, adviser. Some of their special activities included a pizza party in the gym, a bowling party, and a magazine-selling campaign.



Grade Seven

LEFT. The seventh grade's panther has been conquered by the Blackbirds.
BELOW. Ernie Hernandez has decided that study halls are for completing your homework.



TOP ROW: Lynda McLaughlin, Lenette Metzler, Judy Miller, Keith Miller. SECOND ROW: Dan Montgomery, Mark Nine, Brenda Nofziger, Kim Nofziger. THIRD ROW: Mark Nofziger, Patsy Nofziger, Philip Nofziger, Fred Oakley, Pence Roth. FOURTH ROW: Janelle Rufenacht, Lonnie Rufenacht, Trudy Rychener, Orlando Santiago, Joe Schleuter. FIFTH ROW: Lyndon Schrock, Kathy Short, Nando Siller, Dennis Stinson, Tim Wagler. SIXTH ROW: Denise Waidelich, Tom Willison, Mark Worline, Douglas Yoder, Kevin Yoder, Patty Yoder, Peggy Yoder.





Special primary

Miss Yedica

ABOVE. Tracy Austermiller and Mary Suarez busy themselves with their embroidery.

We have experienced a very busy year. While studying safety, we practiced our good habits by taking a bus ride. During Halloween we wrote our own stories and put them into a booklet. At our Halloween party we dressed in costumes and visited several elementary classes. Thanksgiving brought a special project. We thoroughly enjoyed eating the Thanksgiving dinner we prepared ourselves. Since then we have been striving to keep ourselves healthy and clean.

TOP ROW: Tracy Austermiller, Irene Deck. SECOND ROW: Ronald Deck, Fabian Molina. THIRD ROW: Noelia Perez, Tina Riegsecker. FOURTH ROW: Phillip Spiess, Mary Suarez. FIFTH ROW: Joe Thornsbury, John Trejo.



Special intermediate

Miss Ward



TOP ROW: Jeff Burkholder, Jeanne DeLaCruz, Mike Dennis, Carolyn Dinius, Patty Fry. SECOND ROW: Marlene Hildebrandt, Rita Paxson, Tonia Reed, Todd Schnitkey, Gene Thornsby.



ABOVE. Learning to make change is more enjoyable when you make a game of it. FROM LEFT ARE: Patty Fry, Todd Schnitkey, Luis Sierra, Tonia Reed.

We have been developing a personal newspaper in which each of us describes something interesting that has happened to us. Sometimes we illustrate the story with a picture. We have also brought in current news items from around the world. After telling the class about the article we pin it on the appropriate place on our map.



Grade six

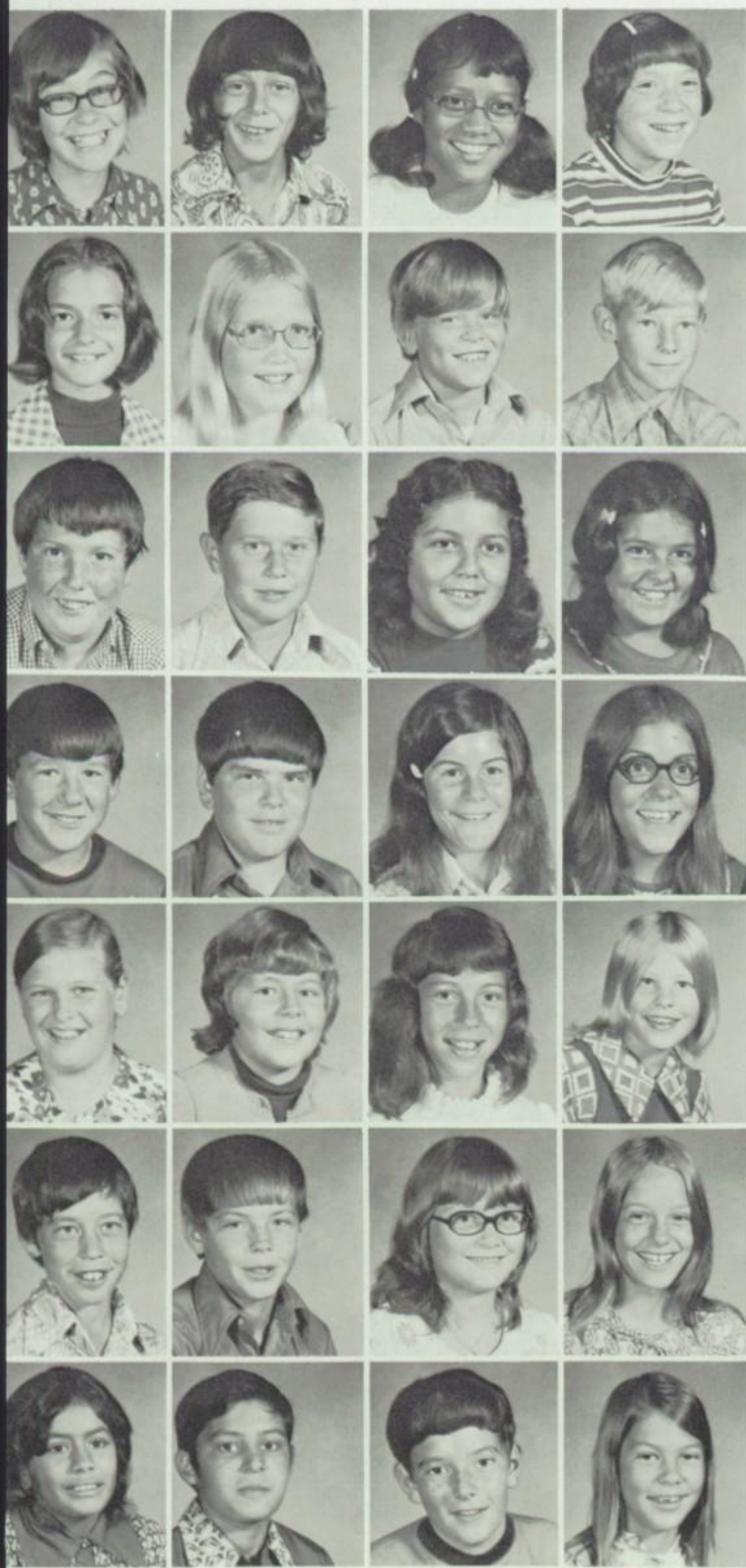
Mrs. Henschen

Most sixth graders like art. This year we did many art projects - making flags of Canada, mosaics using postage stamps and metallic squares, yarn pictures, designs made with Cheerios and macaroni, script writing, stained glass windows, and others. We enjoyed the parties held at Christmas, Valentine's Day, and our pizza party.



TOP ROW: Jo Ann Aeschilman, Shari Baird, Robert Baumgartner, Ann Beck, Arlan Beck, Jo Briskey, Tamara Colon. SECOND ROW: Denise Eash, Tammy Evers, Jim Fowler, Jan Frey, Leonor Garcia, Rex Good, Sharon Grime. THIRD ROW: Jim Hoops, Amy Kiesow, Scott Lantz, Deanna Martinez, Randy McConnell, Jolinda Miller, Shannon Miller. FOURTH ROW: Tyron Nofziger, Angela Riegsecker, Randon Rufenacht, Keith Rupp. FIFTH ROW: Joy Schrock, Koreen Short, Wendell Short.

RIGHT: As Leonor Garcia toils at her desk she concentrates completely on the assignment.

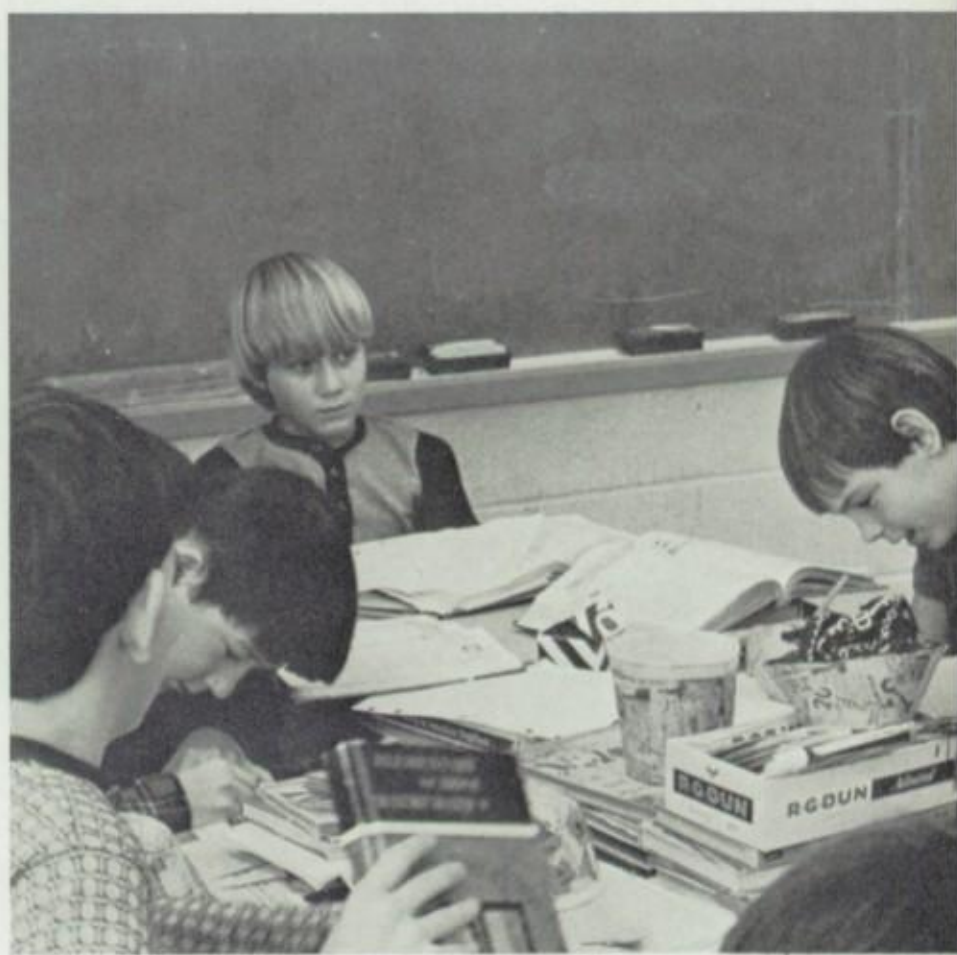


Mrs. Rychener

We have experienced quite a busy and productive year. Our time was spent in seven areas of study plus gym and music. Art projects also gave us times of enjoyment and relaxation. We learned to use the library more extensively this year when we wrote our research papers. Movies, special talks, a trip to the planetarium, magazine sales and a field trip in the spring helped to highlight this year. It was an enjoyable and challenging one for Mrs. Rychener, too.

TOP ROW: Lila Aeschliman, Tony Arias, Rose Arriola, Anna Beaverson. SECOND ROW: Beth Beck, Melodie Beck, Dwight Beltz, Mark Bendele. THIRD ROW: Keith Bruner, Henry Carr, Amy Correa, Rita Ferreira. FOURTH ROW: LaMar Gerig, John Gochenour, Beth Grieser, Deb Holsopple. FIFTH ROW: Laurie King, Ann Lersch, Karen McQuillen, Cheryl Metzler. SIXTH ROW: Rob Nofziger, Jeff Oyer, Bev Riegsecker, Tracy Schmitz. SEVENTH ROW: Gladys Sierra, Jose Torres, Doug Tuckerman, Charlene Willison.

BELOW. Doug Tuckerman, LaMar Gerig, and Jeff Oyer are busy creating while Scott Lantz is still puzzled on what to create.



Grade Five: Mrs. Werder



ABOVE. TOP ROW: Randy Beck, Cathy Burkholder, Albert Fisher, Mary Jane Frey, Cecilia Hernandez, Paul Herring. SECOND ROW: Lamar Miller, Patty Olvera, Jeffrey Pfund, Scott Pontious, Amy Riegsecker, Eileen Rupp. THIRD ROW: Kent Sauder, Vicki Schnitkey, Jeff Schrock, Steve Schrock, Ann Sweinhagen, Fabian Torres. NOT PICTURED: Mike McLaughlin, Denise Stuckey, Martin Suarez.

One of our interesting subjects this year has been social studies. As we studied each section of the United States, the pupils made a booklet of interesting facts for each state. We had fun correlating our past vacations with places we studied about in every state. Brochures, postcards, snapshots, and souvenirs helped us to do this. Our aim was to make future vacations more meaningful to each of us.



As they look through the booklets of the fifty states, Amy Riegsecher and Jeff Schrock seem to have found something amusing.



Mr. Pfund

These students are laboring diligently so this work won't have to be done at home. COUNTERCLOCKWISE THEY ARE: Russell Nofziger, Esther Arias, Marlene Kruse, Tim Sauder, Beth Richer, Doug Yoder, Maria Hernandez.

Our class, this year, has placed much emphasis on individual and small group work in our studies. We have stressed that everyone should do his best and if a neighbor needs assistance to lend a helping hand. We know that math, science, social studies, and reading are very important, but so is getting along and working in harmony with one another in today's restless and changing world.



LEFT. TOP ROW: Esther Arias, Ted Beaverson, Brian Davenport, David DeLine. SECOND ROW: Troy Evers, Donald Frey, Maria Hernandez, Kathy King. THIRD ROW: Marlene Kruse, Kevin Miller, LaRita Miller, Russell Nofziger. FOURTH ROW: Eric Pearsall, Beth Richer, Lupe Rosales, Jeff Rupp. FIFTH ROW: Tim Sauder, Chris Schrock, Doug Yoder, Jan Yoder. NOT PICTURED: Karen Miller.

Grade Four: Mrs. Cooley

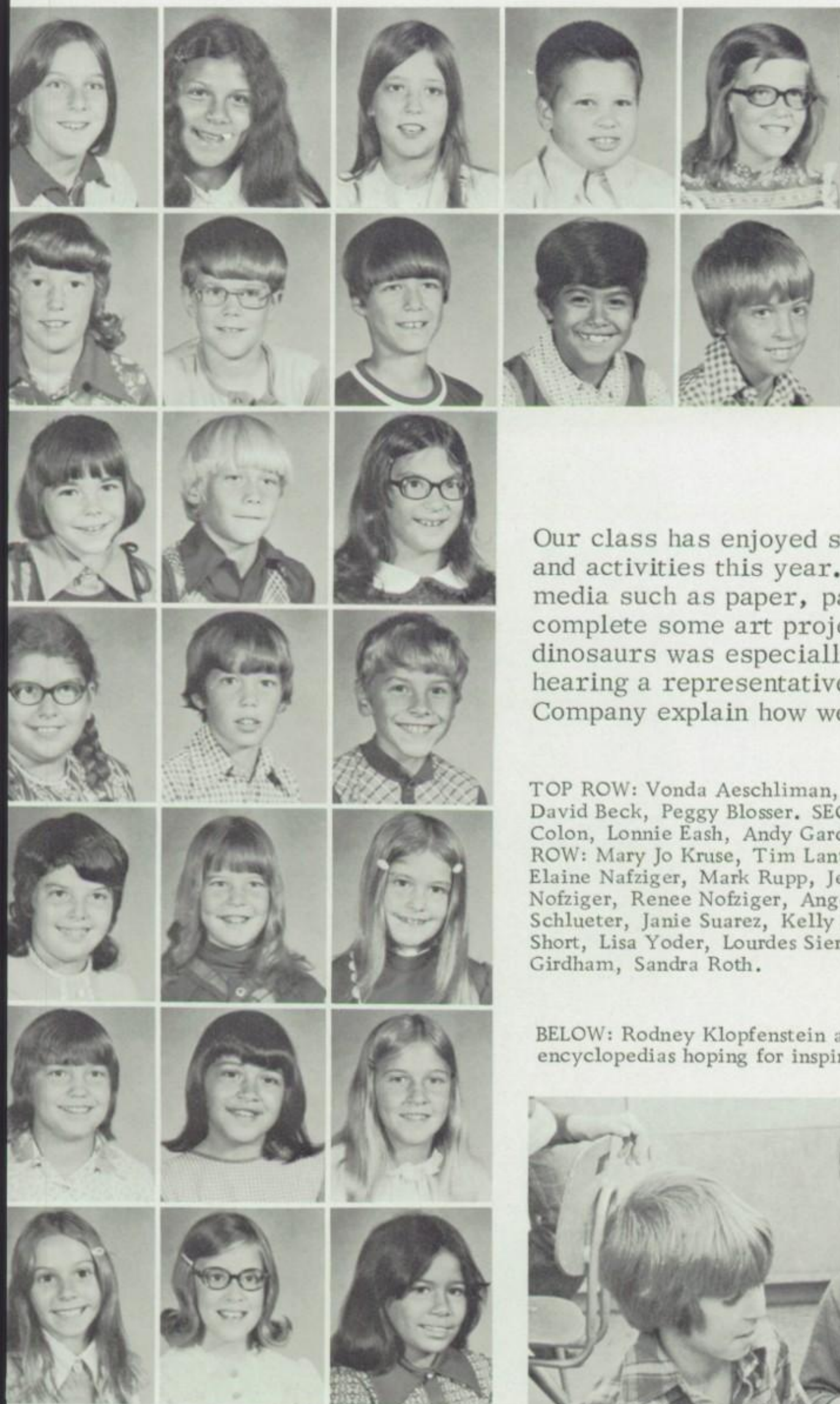
Reading, writing, planning, solving, experimenting - each boy or girl creating his or her own view. Listening to others, accepting or disagreeing - each planning his or her time for the best of self and others.

RIGHT. It's art time for the boys. Jeff Nofziger is gluing box parts for his Valentine Mail Truck. Philip Rupp and Arnold Rupp plan their Valentine holders.

BELOW. TOP ROW: Elizabeth Acosta, Genie Alva, Billy Arias, Linda Beck, Lynelle Beck, Tracy Blosser. SECOND ROW: Scott Casler, Delbert Christy, Thomas Fenton, Annette Grieser, Barbara Grime, James Mansfield. THIRD ROW: Karlene Miller, Darlette Nafziger, Dawn Nofziger, Janelle Nofziger, Jeffrey Nofziger, Rowena Nofziger, Lori Ohlinger. FOURTH ROW: Sandra Pontious, Anita Ramos, Betty Jo Romero, Arnold Rupp, Karen Rupp, Philip Rupp, Rhonda Snyder.



Mrs. Meyer

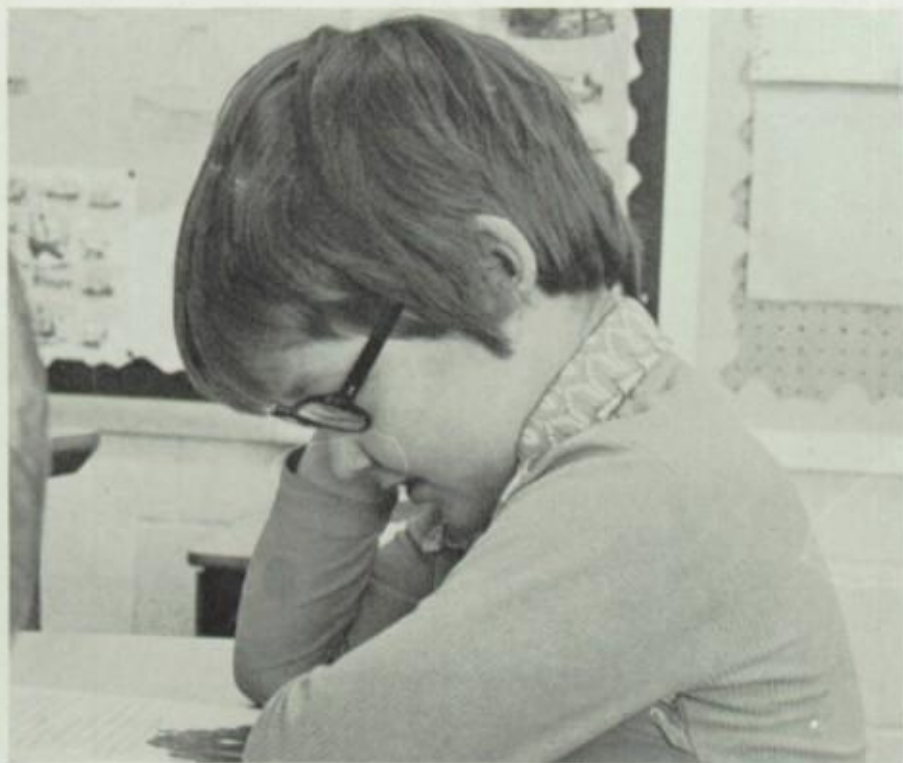


Our class has enjoyed some interesting projects and activities this year. We enjoyed using different media such as paper, paint, chalk, and clay to complete some art projects. The modeling of clay dinosaurs was especially fun. We also enjoyed hearing a representative from Toledo Edison Company explain how we get our electricity.

TOP ROW: Vonda Aeschliman, Nora Alva, Roberta Baumgartner, David Beck, Peggy Blosser. SECOND ROW: Janice Bruner, Troy Colon, Lonnie Eash, Andy Garcia, Rodney Klopfenstein. THIRD ROW: Mary Jo Kruse, Tim Lantz, Linda Meck. FOURTH ROW: Elaine Nafziger, Mark Rupp, Jeff Rychener. FIFTH ROW: Kris Nofziger, Renee Nofziger, Angela Pelfrey. SIXTH ROW: Becky Schlueter, Janie Suarez, Kelly Short. SEVENTH ROW: Theresa Short, Lisa Yoder, Lourdes Sierra. NOT PICTURED: Richard Girdham, Sandra Roth.

BELOW: Rodney Klopfenstein and Mark Rupp browse through the encyclopedias hoping for inspiration for a social studies topic.





Grade three

Mrs. Leininger

We were very fortunate to have our mothers plan our holiday parties with tasty treats and entertaining games. We anticipated each of these with much excitement. In reading we have tried to vary the types of books which we read, thereby expanding our interests. We also have been increasing our skills in addition and subtraction by studying multiplication and division.

ABOVE. Marilyn Kruse has discovered that reading a good book is an enjoyable way to pass her time. RIGHT. Kay Nofziger and Cindy Lantz just can't quite believe what Mrs. Leininger has explained to them.



ABOVE. TOP ROW: Eddie Acosta, Chris Baumgartner, David Beck, Lori Boger. SECOND ROW: Wendy Cadoo, Shirley Duvall, Peggy Ferreira, Scott Knapp. THIRD ROW: Marilyn Kruse, Cindy Lantz, Keith Leininger, Becky Martinez. FOURTH ROW: Michelle Nine, Kay Nofziger, Cindy Richer, Alan Riegsecker. FIFTH ROW: Amy Roth, Nedra Rufenacht, Marty Rupp, Pat Rupp. SIXTH ROW: Chris Wagler.



Mrs. Robinson



Our class has been busy all year. In September and October we spent much time on addition and subtraction later moving on to multiplication and division. One of our science projects was making a dinosaur land. Stories, poems, and book posters were all part of language. The highlights of the year were our parties which by our mothers' hard work were a lot of fun.



ABOVE LEFT. Delle Ferreira enjoys writing on the chalkboard but he knows that it takes concentration to do good work. LEFT. Watching carefully as Mrs. Robinson writes something on the board, Delle Ferreira, Arthur Hernandez, Lucy Ames, and Reggie Miller have discovered something amusing.



TOP ROW: Norma Alva, Lucy Ames. SECOND ROW: Roxy Beck, Lynn Bendele. THIRD ROW: Sam Blosser, Kelley Baird. FOURTH ROW: Delle Ferreira, Tammy Fowler. FIFTH ROW: Marlin Frey, Arthur Hernandez. SIXTH ROW: Teresa Ketring, Reggie Miller, Jolene Moden, Karen Pearsall, Teresa Pelfrey, Lynda Romero. SEVENTH ROW: Maggie Rodriguez, Barry Rupp, Dawn Schrock, Larry Schrock, Eggie Torres, Craig Yoder.

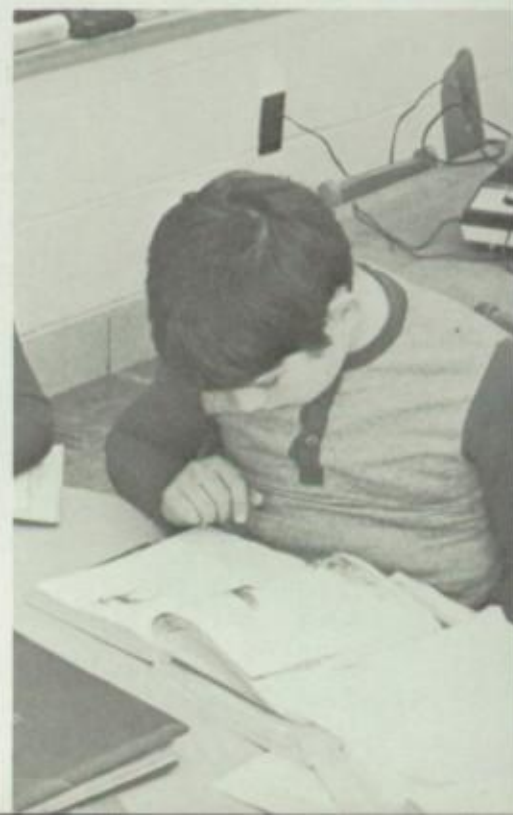
Grade two Mrs. Holland



For the first time in many years, there was only one section of the second grade. It took a while for us to become accustomed to working so close to each other. Many parties were celebrated during the year including Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter - as well as many birthdays. Since one of our reading stories included some Spanish phrases we spent some time studying the Spanish language. We all enjoyed becoming acquainted with another language.

TOP ROW: Brenda Ames, Jacqueline Avina, Lee Avina, Dawn Ayers, Bill Beaverson, Sheila Beck, Carmela Cerda. SECOND ROW: Julie Christy, Lisa Davenport, Susan Flores, Todd Holsopple, Pam Klopfenstein, Johnny Macias, Barry Miller. THIRD ROW: Sandra Miller, John Mock, Sammy Mock, Greg Nofziger, Jodi Nofziger, Lisa Pace, Kim Pelfrey. FOURTH ROW: Joel Rupp, Judy Rupp, Tommy Rupp, Kim Rychener, Scott Rychener. FIFTH ROW: Anita Sauder, Beth Ann Waidelich, Kirk Yoder, Anne Zehr. NOT PICTURED: Greg Gochenour.

RIGHT. Barry Miller labors diligently to finish the story he is reading.

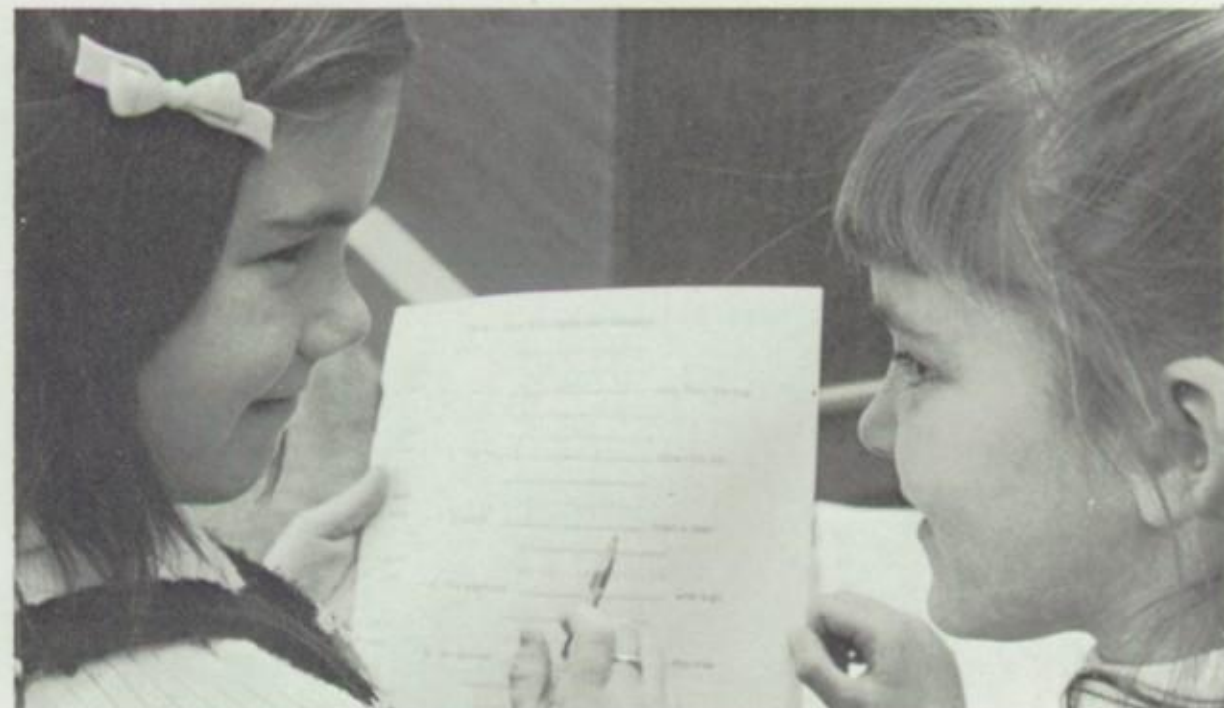


Grade one

Mrs. E. Short

The most important thing that has happened this year in our room is that we have learned to read. Before we could read only a few words and now we can read hundreds. At Christmas time we had fun making a Christmas mural upon which each of us drew something. One of the things we like best is gym class. We have learned how to jump on the trampoline and also to climb ropes. But the best time of all is recess, especially when there is snow to play in.

TOP ROW: Eddie Avina, Deanna Beck, Debbie Beck, Diane Beck. SECOND ROW: David Ferreira, Charles Franks, Scott Goldsmith, Lisa Hartman. THIRD ROW: Danny Hernandez, David Lantz, Julie Lawrence, Brent Meyer. FOURTH ROW: Teresa Reynolds, Darren Schmucker, Josie Short, Mary Beth Snyder. FIFTH ROW: Rego Torres, Sarah Zehr. NOT PICTURED: Steve Beck, Doug Gerig.



LEFT. Doug Gerig is not sure of the plot of this story, but he works quietly to get it done so he can spend his time on better things. ABOVE. By their smiles, Julie Lawrence and Diane Beck do not seem to mind assignments as long as they can work together.

Grade one

Mrs. Springer

We became very interested in dinosaurs and fossils. Several of us brought in fossils and stones to share with the class. This year we received many new library books. We enjoyed them especially because we could read most of them ourselves. We also made a large snowman by cutting snowflakes out of white paper. We put them together on our bulletin board adding a black hat and black buttons.



ABOVE RIGHT. Amy Weber sees no reason why her work cannot be combined with a little nap. ABOVE. Reading books can be very relaxing according to Kim Rupp and Todd Rychener.

TOP ROW: Dion Alvarez, Jose Arias, Melodie Beck; David Bendele. SECOND ROW: Wendy Blosser, Tammy Cadoo, David Casler, Ronald DeLeon. THIRD ROW: Terry Frey, Billy Fenton, David Hewes, Brett Miller. FOURTH ROW: Kelly Nofziger, Wendee Nofziger, Gary Richer, Kim Rupp. FIFTH ROW: Sheri Rupp, Jon Rychener, Todd Rychener, Nancy Sauder. SIXTH ROW: Renee Snyder, Amy Weber.





Kindergarten

Mrs. P. Short

This year we had only one section of Kindergarten -twenty girls and twelve boys. We especially enjoyed the alphabet. We had gym twice a week and had fun tumbling and jumping on the trampoline. Besides the parties our mothers organized, we planned a party for our fathers and one for our mothers. We enjoyed an all day visit at Children's Wonderland. All in all, this year has been an exciting experience for all of us.



ABOVE. Kindergarten is an individualized class. Rita Schrock, Michelle Young, and Thersea Fowler work at the table while Duane Beck, Doug Nafziger, and Ted Cobb enjoy more lively activities.

TOP ROW: Patsy Arias, Mike Baird, Duane Beck, Melissa Beck. SECOND ROW: Rebecca Beck, Rudy Beck, Chad Blosser, Sheri Blosser. THIRD ROW: Tonya Blosser, Brian Carpenter, Ted Cobb, Thersea Fowler, Sheila Fry, Hobie Gilson. FOURTH ROW: Debbie Klopfenstein, Jeffrey Kruse, Sarah Lee, Caroline Macias, Gwen Metzler, Julie Moden. FIFTH ROW: Doug Nafziger, Max Nofziger, Rachelle Nofziger, Billy Pursel. SIXTH ROW: Lori Schrock, Rita Schrock, Bradley Short, Karen Spengler. SEVENTH ROW: Kim Squires, Becky Villalovos, Erica Yoder, Michelle Young. NOT PICTURED: Tyler Nafziger.

Elementary teachers expand students' knowledge

BELOW. Mrs. Helen Springer works patiently to teach the proper pronunciation of words to Tammy Cadoo and Brent Miller. FAR BELOW. Scott Casler enjoys decorating his valentine box.



Mrs. Phyllis Short, kindergarten; Mrs. Elaine Short, grade one.



Mrs. Helen Springer, grade one; Mrs. Dorothy Holland, grade two.



Mrs. Linda Robinson, grade three; Mrs. Sue Leininger, grade three.



Mrs. Vera Cooley, grade four; Mrs. Joan Meyer, grade four.



Mrs. Valetta Werder, grade five; Mr. Roger Pfund, grade five, elementary principal.



Mrs. Elaine Rychener, grade six; Mrs. Esther Henschen, grade six.

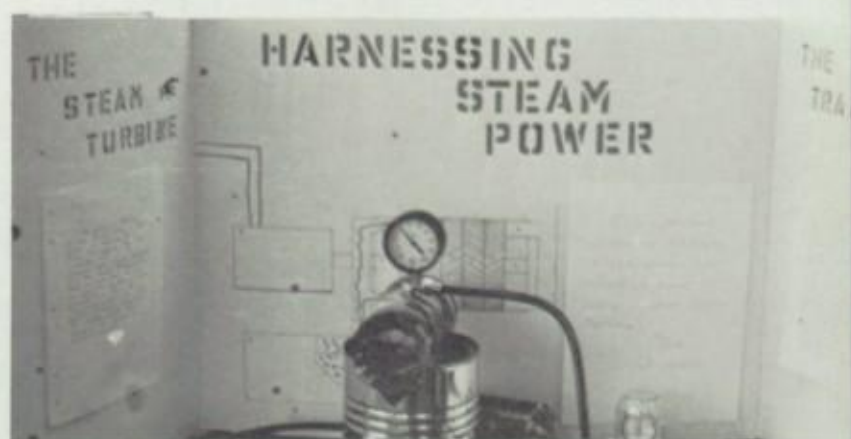
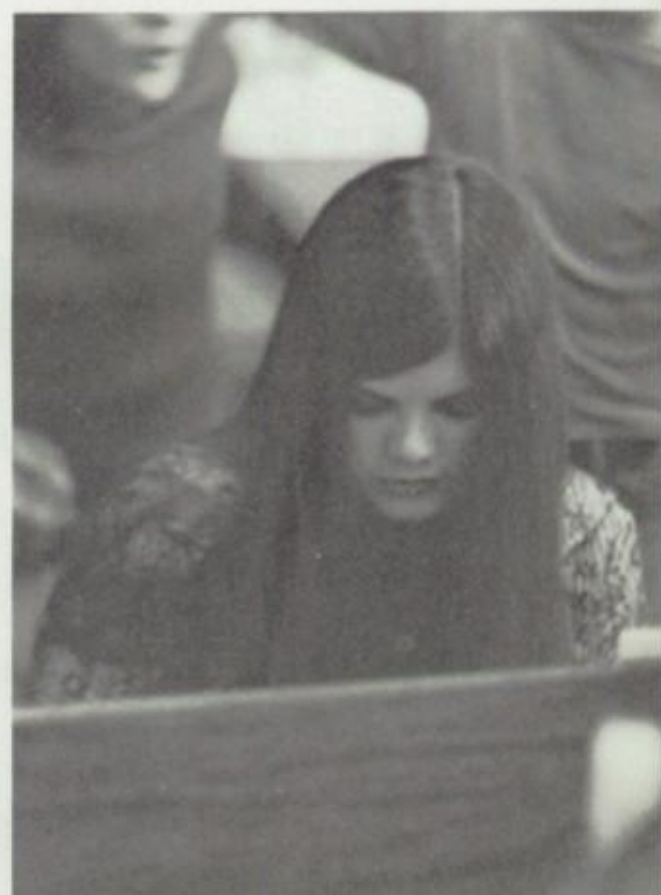


Miss Florence Ward, special education; Miss Bonnie Yedica, special education.





ACTIVITIES



Juniors present a slapstick comedy "The Custard Caper"



ABOVE RIGHT. Gram Walton, portrayed by Jennifer Lawrence, snickers at the way her sly son-in-law, Kevin Beck, keeps the secret of his robbery from his wife, Mary Meck. RIGHT. At Lois' birthday, Lance, played by Kerry Beck, attempts to get a "little kiss", but is interrupted by his brother, Pete King, who tries to stop him. BELOW LEFT. Poor Charlie! Gram Walton exclaims that she is "fed up" with Charlie's promises of marriage to her. As one can see, Keith Rupp is listening intently. BELOW RIGHT. It is obvious that Miss Scott, portrayed by Jody Roth, will not give up her coat to the persistent Gram Walton. Brad Rufenacht, playing the detective tries his best to "get to the bottom of the matter."





The story begins when Howard Bently brings home one thousand dollars, which belongs to his client, Miss Scott. The money is passed around and re-hidden by various members of the family who claim the money as theirs, Miss Scott returns to the Bentleys for her money while Paul and Mr. Bentley are in the midst of a pie-throwing argument. Gram becomes upset and calls the police. A detective soon arrives to clear the mix-up.



TOP LEFT. Angie Nafziger, portraying Lois, is astounded by the thousand dollars she and Jean, played by Janice Montgomery, find in the record cabinet. TOP RIGHT. Miss Rupp, director, is getting Brad Rufenacht ready for his detective role. CENTER. Georgie, portrayed by Flora Overa, sneakily slides through the milk shoot. BELOW. Paul, played by Pete King, tries to interest Lois by explaining his bird feeder plans, but from her expression she is obviously not interested.

In the senior class play "Flowers for Algernon", Charlie Gordon, a mentally retarded adult undergoes an operation to increase his intelligence. This operation is just in the experimental stages because it has only been previously performed on a mouse named Algernon. This operation increases Charlie's intelligence to the level of a genius, but as this occurs Algernon suffers a regression. Charlie struggles against time to find the flaw that threatens to rob him of his intelligence.



ABOVE. Charlie Gordon, portrayed by Brent Miller, cannot understand how Professor Nemur, Delvin Rychener; Dr. Strauss, Elaine Chaffee; and Burt Seldon, Don Meck; can remain so calm as he is soon to lose his intelligence.

CENTER LEFT. As a young boy, Charlie - John Huber, is neglected while his sister, LaRita Miller, dominates the attention of their parents, Neil Sauder and Marlene Genter.

CENTER RIGHT. Alice Kinnian, Charlie's teacher, played by Sandy Grieser, compliments Charlie on the fine progress he has made in his studies.

RIGHT. In a flash-back of his memory, Charlie recalls one of the frequent arguments his parents had concerning his retardation.



Seniors present "Flowers for Algernon"



ABOVE LEFT. Mrs. Donner, Julia Nafziger, expresses her disappointment in Charlie's work as fellow workers Faith Gnagey, Neil Rupp, and Sam Frey look on.

CENTER LEFT. As Charlie enjoys the new found romance with his teacher, the imaginary old Charlie returns to haunt him.

ABOVE RIGHT. After Algernon's death, Charlie sadly places flowers on Algernon's grave.

LEFT. As Charlie pays the landlady, Mrs. Mooney, played by Karen Moden, she asks him what he intends to do with his mouse.

ABOVE. Charlie's sister, Norma, portrayed by Susan Yoder, restrains her mother as she attempts to put Charlie out of her memory forever.

Juniors host banquet in a "Garden of Friendship"

RIGHT. Ronna Riegsecker and Nick King were two of the sophomores who served at the banquet.

CENTER LEFT. Mr. Marlin Rufenacht, host, occupies himself with last minute repairs on the ice cream cart.

CENTER RIGHT. Smiling Sandy Grieser was elected by the juniors to reign as queen of the 1974 Junior-Senior Banquet.

BELOW. Emcee for the banquet, Mr. Roger Andrews, tells of one of his favorite fairy tale characters, "Rinder-cella".





ABOVE LEFT. Wanda Lantz and Don Meck pause at the doorway of the gym to observe the colorful decorations.

ABOVE RIGHT. Providing entertainment for the evening was the Center Stage Review from Central Catholic High School in Toledo.

LEFT. Carma Fricke and Ron Rittichier are enjoying someone's entertaining story.

BELOW LEFT. Neal Beck and Susan Yoder enjoy an amusing story of their own.

BELOW RIGHT. Lisa McLaughlin, Prosper DeWit, Betty DeLine, Kent Rychener, Marlin Rufenacht, and Lois Rufenacht all worked behind the scenes to contribute to the success of the banquet.



In place of the regular Christmas concert, the choir presented a Christmas cantata entitled "The Prince of Peace."

Through this and other selections the choir gained confidence for participating at district contest.



ABOVE. TENORS. TOP ROW: John Huber, Richard Frey, Kurt Nofziger, Tom Klopfenstein. FRONT ROW: Janet Hoops, Karen Moden, Mig Frey, Phil Short, Brad Rufenacht. RIGHT. BASSES. TOP ROW: Tom Beck, Marv Meck, Don Meck. FRONT ROW: Delvin Rychener, Marlin Gerig, Phil Nofziger. NOT PICTURED: Sam Frey. BELOW. SECOND SOPRANOS. TOP ROW: Elaine Chaffee, Jody Roth, Sue Yoder, Wanda Rupp. SECOND ROW: Lenore Worline, Ang Nafziger, Alonna Gautsche, Marlene King. FRONT ROW: Ronna Riegsecker, Deb Griesser, Gloria Rufenacht. NOT PICTURED: Judi Baird.





Choir presents Christmas cantata

LEFT. SOPRANOS. TOP ROW: Emelie DeWit, Beth Grieser. SECOND ROW: Marlene Genter, Sandy Grieser. THIRD ROW: Janice Montgomery, Deb Nofziger, Sandy Fenton. FOURTH ROW: Cindy Willison, Melanie Schnitkey. FRONT ROW: Flora Olvera, Kim Short, Betty DeLine. NOT PICTURED: Cindi Ramos, Roxanne Mock, Jennifer Lawrence. BELOW. BARITONES. TOP ROW: Neil Sauder, Brent Miller, Steve Gruenhagen, Neal Burkholder, Ken Gruenhagen, Charlie Frey. FRONT ROW: Marlyn Schrock, Kevin Beck, Rick Rupp, Steve Nofziger, Jon Wyse. NOT PICTURED: John Crawford, John Liechty.



LEFT. ALTOS. TOP ROW: Cheryl Good, Deb Leininger, Mary Lou Meck, Jane Grieser, Julia Nafziger, Donna Roth. FRONT ROW: Kandy Lantz, Brenda Gnagey, Celeste Sigg, Faith Gnagey, Lisa McLaughlin, Diane Rupp.



TOP. PEP BAND. STANDING: Neil Sauder, Rick Roth, Kurt Nofziger, Kevin Beck, Linda McQuillen, Kerry Beck. SEATED: LaDell Gautsche, Mark Christenberry, Tammy Spengler, Deb Leininger, Dave Lersch, Connie Roth. NOT PICTURED: Tom Beck, Sam Frey.
 CENTER LEFT. Before school, it's time for a little conversation along with your warm-ups.
 CENTER RIGHT. Kurt Nofziger expresses himself by playing his cornet.
 RIGHT. As a member of band, Richard Roth knows that practice is imperative.



Express yourself with music

LEFT. Phil Nofziger, Charlie Frey, and John Crawford strive to reach perfection for contest.

CENTER LEFT. Jane Grieser completely involves herself in singing.

CENTER RIGHT. When Miss Grace Cron has this facial expression, choir members know they have done something wrong.

BELOW. CHAMBER ENSEMBLE. TOP ROW: Jane Grieser, Marlene Genter, Susan Yoder, Julia Nafziger, Donna Roth, Alonna Gautsche, Sandy Grieser, Delvin Rychener, Miss Cron - director. FRONT ROW: Don Meck, Brent Miller, Tom Beck, Kurt Nofziger, Wanda Rupp, Brad Rufenacht, John Huber, Kevin Beck, Tom Klopfenstein. NOT PICTURED: Jennifer Lawrence.





ABOVE RIGHT. DRUMMERS. TOP ROW: Mark Christenberry, Tom Klopfenstein. SECOND ROW: Jeff Worline, Craig Beck, Lisa Wyse. FRONT ROW: Kerry Beck, John Huber, Miss Cron. NOT PICTURED: Jennifer Lawrence. ABOVE. HORNS, OBOES, BASSONS, BARITONES, BASSES, HIGH AND LOW CLARINETS. TOP ROW: Marlin Gerig, Rick Roth, Tim Schlueter, LaDell Gautsche, Brent Miller. SECOND ROW: Sandy Grieser, Jane Grieser, Ronna Riegsecker, Lynette Yoder. FRONT ROW: Anita Yoder, Linda Nafziger, Dianne Diener, David Eicher, Mara Belle Frey, Alonna Gautsche. RIGHT. CLARINETS. TOP ROW: Marlene Genter, Wanda Rupp, Deb Nofziger, Karen Nofziger. SECOND ROW: Beth Beck, Kori Short, Sheri Baird, Ann Beck, Tammy Richer. FRONT ROW: Amy Grieser, Brenda Gnagey, Pam Sauder, Dawn Colon. NOT PICTURED: Judi Baird, Roxanne Mock. BELOW. CORONETS. TOP ROW: Kevin Beck, Kurt Nofziger, Bill Fricke, Steve Nofziger, Brad Rufenacht, Phil Short, Deb Leininger. SECOND ROW: Curt Eicher, Joe Schlueter, Tyron Nofziger, Fred Oakley, Trudy Rychener, Jeni Bowers, Melodi Christenberry. FRONT ROW: David Lersch, Tom King, Bob Fricke, Cheryl Grieser, Lori Fenton, Joan Frey, Vonda Metzler. NOT PICTURED: John Crawford, Doug Yoder.



And the band plays on



TOP. FLUTES. TOP ROW: Susan Yoder, Kandy Lantz, Toni Kruse, Beth Grieser, Beth Schlabach, Ang Nafziger. SECOND ROW: Barb Rice, Deb Kauffman, Lenore Worline, Tina Spengler, Barb Rupp. FRONT ROW: Donna Beck, Brenda Nofziger, Kathy Short, Lenette Metzler. NOT PICTURED: Rhonda Waidelich. ABOVE LEFT. TROMBONES. TOP ROW: Neil Sauder, Pete Eicher, Tom Beck, Sam Frey, Paul Fisher. SECOND ROW: Butch Leininger, Jim Hoops, Arlan Beck, Robin Nofziger, Ann Lersch. FRONT ROW: Dan Montgomery, Judy Miller, Tab Evers, Doug Good, John Nafziger. LEFT. SAXOPHONES. TOP ROW: Faith Gnagey, Donna Roth, Connie Roth, Linda Schrock. THIRD ROW: Tammy Spengler, Tammy Frey, Brent Gnagey. SECOND ROW: Beth Short, Melodie Beck, Dorothy Montgomery, Linda McQuillen. FRONT ROW: Dawn Lersch, Patsy Grieser, Kim Nofziger, Mark Worline.



Band Camp kept the band busy this summer as they prepared many selections for a performance at the Fair and a concert. But along with all the work, they learned that doing something and doing it well could be fun!

Homemakers and scientists prepare for their future



The FHA checked coats at the home basketball games and also sponsored the yearly Easter egg hung. The main event of the year was the semi-annual banquet on April 5. In the latter part of April, five members traveled to Columbus for the state convention.

ABOVE. FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA. TOP ROW: Linda Ferriera, Robin Baumgartner, Barb Fenton, Karen Moden, Lenore Worline. SECOND ROW: Sally Christy, Linda Nafziger, Sandy Fenton - reporter, Pam Goldsmith, Patty Grime, Lisa Nofziger. THIRI ROW: Mrs. Rosemary Lind - adviser, Betty Chaffee, Beth Schla- bach, Flora Olvera - student council, Lori Fenton, Ken Gruenhage - king, Diane Rupp, Carol Rupp. SEATED: Linda McQuillin - his- torian, Beth Boger - secretary, Celeste Sigg - president, Doneta Riegsecker - vice president, Dorthy Montgomery - parliamentar- ian.

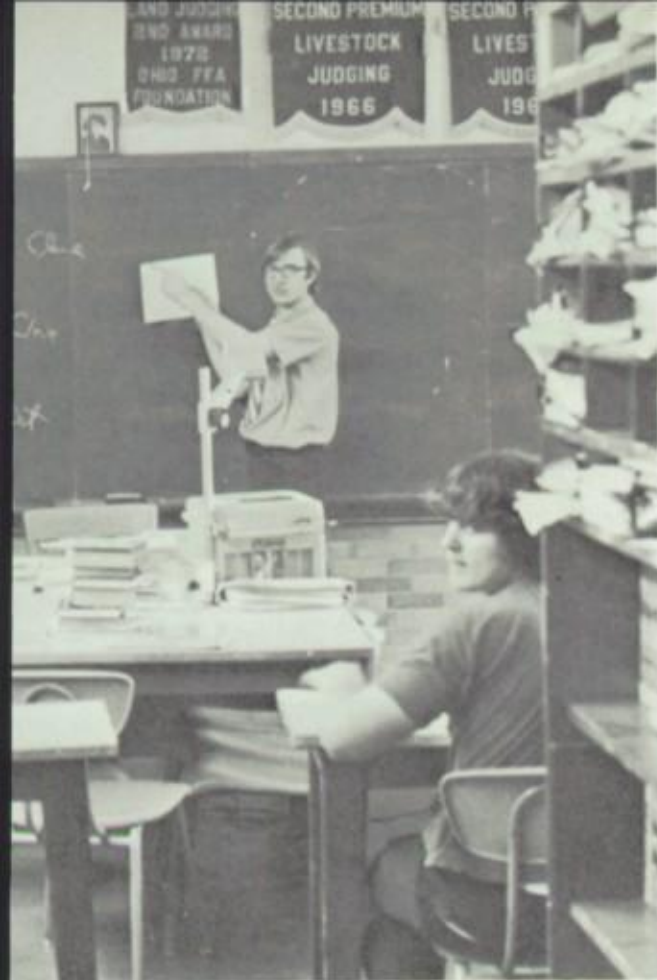
NOT PICTURED: Vengie Estrada, Idalia Jarquin, Roxanne Mock- treasurer, Cindy Ramos - song and recreation leader, Sandy Seiler. RIGHT. Explaining the purposes at the FHA banquet were from left: Dorthy Montgomery, Beth Boger, Sandy Fenton, Barb Fen- ton, Celeste Sigg, Doneta Riegsecker, Linda McQuillin, Karen Moden.



The FSA sold basketball programs at all the home games as a money-making project. They sponsor 'a kite-flying contest and attended State Science Day in Columbus during April.

FUTURE SCIENTISTS OF AMERICA. Beth Schla- bach, Janice Montgomery - vice president and representative, Beth Boger - secretary, treasurer, Elaine Chaffee - president, Mark Christenberry - student council, Betty Chaffee. NOT PICTURED: Kevin Beck, Miss McCartney - adviser.





FFA benefits the community

ABOVE. Mr. Robert Stone notifies the FFA of an upcoming event.

LEFT. As members of FFA, Mark Wyse and Jody Miller clear tables at the FHA Banquet.

BELOW. FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA. TOP ROW: Tom Beck - assistant treasurer, Ken Gruenhagen - assistant sentinel, Mark Bruner - assistant secretary, Terry Aeschliman, Neal Burkholder, David Eicher - assistant reporter, Ron Burkholder, Pete Eicher, Terry Rufenacht. SECOND ROW: Dean Genter, Brad Rufenacht - assistant vice president, Krist King, Rex Rufenacht, Mike Brown, Doug King - assistant student adviser, Milo Good, Dan Wagler, Richard Frey. THIRD ROW: Mr. Robert Stone - adviser, Lloyd Eby, Max Aeschliman, Nick King, Larry King, Kandy Lantz - sweetheart, Randy Nofziger, LaDell Gautsche, Mark Wyse, Jody Miller, Jack Frey. FRONT ROW: Marlin Gerig - sentinel, Steve Gruenhagen - treasurer, Don Meck - vice president, Sam Frey - president, Pete King - secretary, Brent Miller - reporter, Rick Short - student adviser. NOT PICTURED: Reed Aeschliman, Dave Fenton, Juan Hernandez, Pat King.



The active FFA club not only had their own softball team, but also went to Detroit to see a professional team. They had many interesting projects. Several were painting gravity boxes and machinery, and cleaning up the roadside. This year's FFA'ers rated very well in state and district judging competition.



Future teachers gain experience

In addition to student teaching, some of the FTA members attended the district convention in April. Their highlight of the year was the field trip to Adriel School.

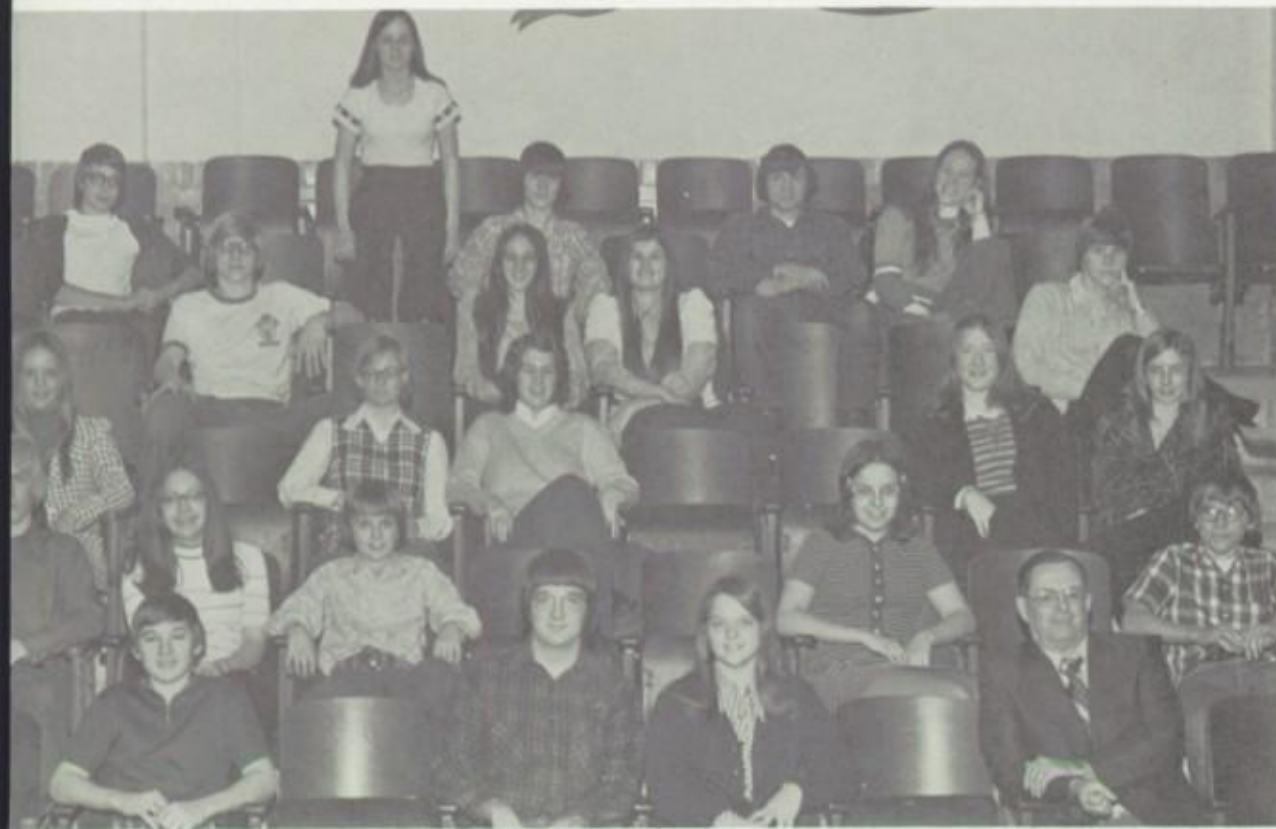
ABOVE. As a member of FTA, Emelie DeWit (RIGHT) supervises a physical education class as Alice Mansfield watches.

RIGHT. Janice Montgomery gains satisfaction by helping to teach elementary physical education.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA. TOP ROW: Emelie DeWit, Sandy Fenton, Beth Grieser, Celeste Sigg, Beth Boger. SECOND ROW: Jane Grieser, Karen Nofziger, Janet Hoops, Faith Gnagery, Ang Nafziger, Kim Short. THIRD ROW: Deb Nofziger, Dorothy Montgomery, Lisa Nofziger, Pam Goldsmith, Patty Grime, Cindy Willison. FOURTH ROW: Neil Sauder, Marlene Genter - secretary, Sandy Grieser - vice president, Alonna Gautsche - president, Julia Nafziger - treasurer, Wanda Rupp - teacher aid organizer, Mr. Frazier - adviser. NOT PICTURED: Idalia Jarquin, Jennifer Lawrence, Mary Lou Meck.



Contemplation is the key



STUDENT COUNCIL. TOP ROW: Kent Rychener, Tammy Frey, Phil Short, Brent Miller, Jane Grieser. SECOND ROW: Mark Christenberry, Wanda Rupp, Sandy Grieser, Jim Selgo. THIRD ROW: Deb Kauffman, Marlene King, Sue Yoder, Marlene Genter, Lisa Wyse. FOURTH ROW: Rick Rupp, Elaine Chaffee, Larry Aschliman, Celeste Sigg, Ross Miller. FRONT ROW: Pete King - Vice President, Delvin Rychener - President, Alonna Gautsche - Secretary-Treasurer, Mark Ray - Adviser. NOT PICTURED: Sam Frey, Neil Rupp.



Deb Grieser and Miss McCartney gather up the many toys that were collected for the Toys for Tots Campaign sponsored by the National Honor Society.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY. TOP ROW: Sandy Grieser. SECOND ROW: Pete King, Kurt Nofziger, John Crawford. THIRD ROW: Sue Yoder - Vice President, Jody Roth, Wanda Rupp - Secretary. FOURTH ROW: Jim Selgo, Alonna Gautsche, Mary Lou Meck. FIFTH ROW: Delvin Rychener - President, Jane Grieser, Donna Roth. SIXTH ROW: Marlyn Schrock, Elaine Chaffee, Beth Boger. SEVENTH ROW: Celeste Sigg, Phil Short, Deb Grieser. EIGHTH ROW: Faith Gnagey, Jennifer Lawrence, Kent Rychener. FRONT ROW: Ronna Riegsecker, Tim Selgo, Doneta Riegsecker. NOT PICTURED: Anna Santiago.



The Student Council again sold ice cream this year to earn money to sponsor assemblies. They visited several area schools gaining new ideas to improve our school. In an attempt to curb stealing from hall lockers, some of the members sacrificed a free period to monitor the halls.

The National Honor Society inducted twelve new members this year. Besides organizing the Lariat, they decorated the cafeteria for Christmas. Their most rewarding activity was sponsoring a Toys for Tots Campaign helping to provide a more joyous Christmas for underprivileged children.

Librarians maintain efficient service

RIGHT. Betty DeLine finds checking in books a worthwhile way to utilize her spare time.
BELOW. Vengie Estrada checks out a book as Karen Moden fulfills her duties as a student librarian.



LIBRARY CLUB. TOP ROW: Pam Grime, Robin Baumgartner, Janice Montgomery, Alice Mansfield. SECOND ROW: Miss Loretta Rupp - Adviser, Vonda Metzler, Anita Yoder, Pam Goldsmith, Beth Schlabach, Elaine Chaffee. THIRD ROW: Nina Mendez, Rose Marie Arias, Dianne Diener, Cheryl Grieser. FOURTH ROW: Mary Bendele, Mike Mansfield, Betty DeLine, Linda Ferreira. FIFTH ROW: Barb Fenton, Karen Moden, Sandy Fenton - President, Cylinda Mock - Vice President, Dorothy Montgomery - Secretary, Rita Riegsecker - Treasurer. NOT PICTURED: Laura McLaughlin.





Students receive inspiration

Nos divertimos mucho este año en el Club de español. Hicimos un poco de todo; desde tener una busca de tesoro en el cementerio, hasta cantar en una iglesia, hasta hacer un lechón asado. Supimos de muchas interesantes costumbres y tradiciones españolas. En todo, lo pasamos bien.



ARRIBA. LA CUARTA FILA: Luisa Rupp, Mauricio Beck Sandra Grieser, Julia Nafziger, Antonio Sauder. LA TERCERA FILA: Teresa Mongtomery, Elena Chaffee. LA SEGUNDA FILA: La señora Short-consejera, Juana Grieser - la vice presidente Guillermo Fricke, Fe Gnagey, Paco Rychener - el presidente. LA PRIMERA FILA: Susana Yoder, Alona Gautsche. NO ESTAN EN LA FOTO: Susana Rodriquez - la secretaria, Alfonso Rupp - el tesorero.

Sandra Grieser y la señora Short se mantienen muy ocupadas preparando tacos a vender al partido.



LEFT. To awaken the students each morning, these girls faithfully presented a few words of wisdom. Members of the Meditation Committee are: David Lersch, adviser; Sandy Grieser; Marlene Genter; Elaine Chaffee; Susan Yoder; Jane Grieser.

Lariat staff creates yearbook

ABOVE. Sue Yoder, picture editor, is pleased as she glances through the pictures that she and Mark Schlueter, assistant editor, have taken. RIGHT. Doneta Riegsecker, copy staff, and Celeste Sigg, copy editor, try to compose a clever sentence while Jim Selgo, sports editor, checks with Elaine Chaffee, index editor, on the spelling of someone's name. CENTER RIGHT. Delvin Rychener, business manager, and Deb Grieser, assistant, are deciding how many Lariats to order. BELOW RIGHT. Mrs. Shirley Short, adviser, and Alonna Gautsche, editor, look at layouts to find a place where more pictures could be added.

CENTER BELOW. Alonna Gautsche, editor, teaches Beth Boger, assistant editor, the easiest way to crop a picture. BELOW. Faith Gnagey, typing editor, and Sandy Grieser type busily as Jody Roth and Wanda Rupp watch for mistakes.





Journalism staff relays the news



ABOVE. Jon Wyse watches carefully to be sure that Julie Nafziger and Faith Gnagey type their stories correctly.

LEFT. Marlyn Schrock and Phil Nofziger enjoy running the duplicating machine.

BELOW LEFT. Donna Roth and Neil Sauder put on headlines as Mrs. Mourdock observes their work.

BELOW RIGHT. Marv Meck, Phil Short, Marlene Genter, and Steve Gruenhagen have learned from experience that teamwork is the key to efficiency.



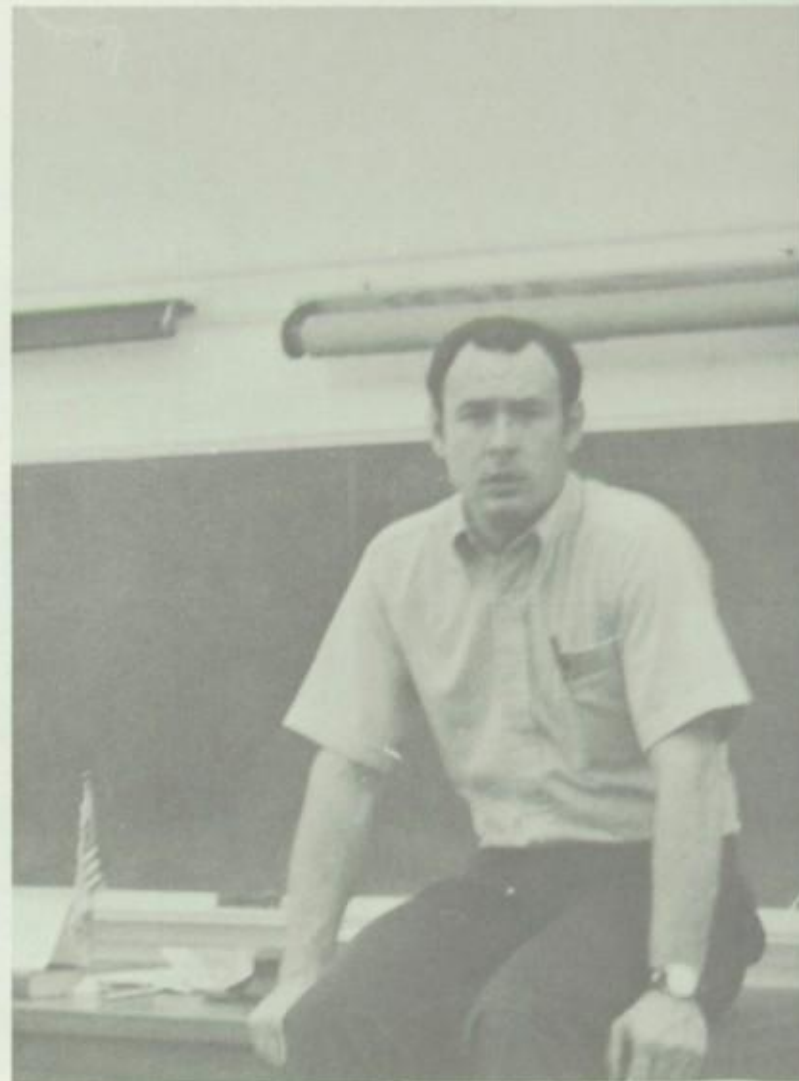
Clubs provide services for the school

RIGHT. Mark Christenberry proves his ingenuity as he captures his own reflection with the camera. Snapping candid for the Lariat kept Mark busy this year.

CENTER. PHOTO CLUB. TOP ROW: Victor Siller, Pedro Torres, Mark Christenberry, Mike Stuckey - president, Larry King, Rick Fowler, Todd Seiler, Milo Good. SECOND ROW: Mr. James Meyer - adviser, Doug Nofziger, Rick Short, Ron Burkholder, John Nafziger. FRONT ROW: Dave Lersch, Rich Roth, Kerry Beck, Robert Olvera, Sam Frey - vice president. NOT PICTURED: Kevin Beck - secretary-treasurer, Marlin Gerig.



BELOW LEFT. PROJECTION CLUB. FROM TOP: Mr. David Ripke - adviser, Randy Miller, Randy Stuckey. AT PROJECTOR: Dan Ferriera. BELOW RIGHT. Mr. David Ripke can't believe the film did not arrive.





Fifth grade performs “Donald at Disneyland”



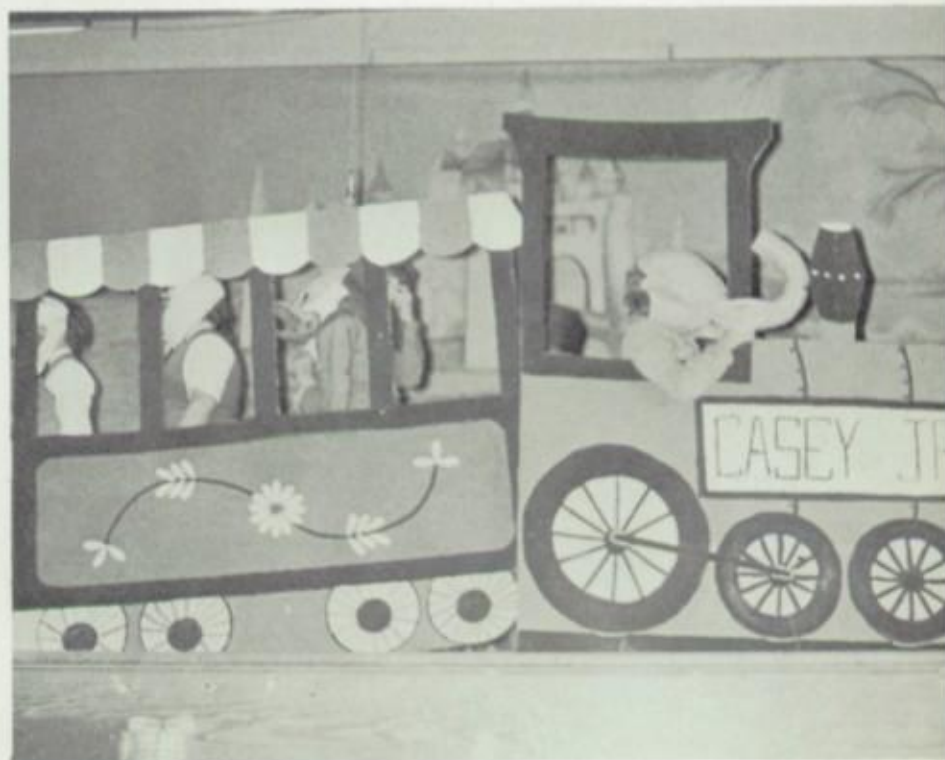
ABOVE. Jeff Schrock portrayed a bear in the elementary operetta. Here he is singing "Bare Necessities" to Fabian Torres.

CENTER. Pinocchio, Steve Schrock, and the Mad Hatter, LaMar Miller are conversing at center stage.

LEFT. At the grand finale of the operetta, the complete cast joins in singing "Wish Upon a Star".

BELOW LEFT. Kathy King, Cinderella, listens intently as her fairy godmother, Denise Stuckey, promises to fulfill Cinderella's wishes.

BELOW RIGHT. Vicki Schnitkey, as Dumbo, drives the train carrying the animals through Disneyland.



Assemblies break up boredom



ABOVE. The Goshen College Choir presented a singing assembly of madrigals.

RIGHT. Robert Roe showed slides and gave a talk on Africa. He then demonstrated how to play bagpipes.

BELOW LEFT. An assembly later in the year was presented by J. Warren Johnson who gave an illustrated talk on liquid air.

BELOW RIGHT. The group UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT presented an afternoon musical assembly.





ATHLETICS



Boosters boost spirit

RIGHT. Some of the Boosters pause from their work at one of the basketball games. They are from left: Deb Nofziger, Beth Grieser, Barb Fenton, Mark Bruner, Jeff Osborne, Karen Nofziger, Judi Baird, Mr. Jack Boyer, Deb Grieser, Tom King, Shirley Boger, Beverly Eash, and Sandy Riegsecker. LOWER RIGHT. Shirley Boger provides a smile along with her faithful service.

To be a Booster you have to work, and that's just what they did! Of course there were the yearly concessions, Homecoming, Dad's Night, and Athletic Banquet to prepare for. But to top it all off, they found time to make posters to show that they really do "boost" the team.



BELOW. TOP ROW: Cheryl Grieser, Dianne Diener, Anita Yoder, Karen Moden, Barb Fenton, Doneta Riegsecker, Patsy Grieser, Karen Nofziger, Donna Roth, Wanda Rupp, Angie Nafziger, Tom King, Richard King. SECOND ROW: Jeff Osborne, Peggy Yoder, Lenette Metzler, Judy Miller, Dawn Lersch, Linda Schrock, Connie Roth, Beverly Eash, Marilyn DeWit, Beth Grieser, Mary Lou Meck, Deb Grieser, Mary Roberts. THIRD ROW: Kandy Lantz, Deb Leininger, Lisa Wyse, Tammy Spengler, Tina Spengler, Barb Rupp, Cindy Willison, Kim Short, Lisa McLaughlin, Lenore Worline, Ronna Riegsecker, Mig Frey, Cheryl Good. FRONT ROW: Mrs. Golda Boyer, Doug Good, Craig Beck, Faith Gnagey - president, Brad Rufenacht - vice president, Julia Nafziger - Business Manager, Deb Nofziger - secretary, Susan Yoder, Dawn Colon, Mark Bruner. NOT PICTURED: Judi Baird, Shirley Boger, Jennifer Lawrence, Roxanne Mock.



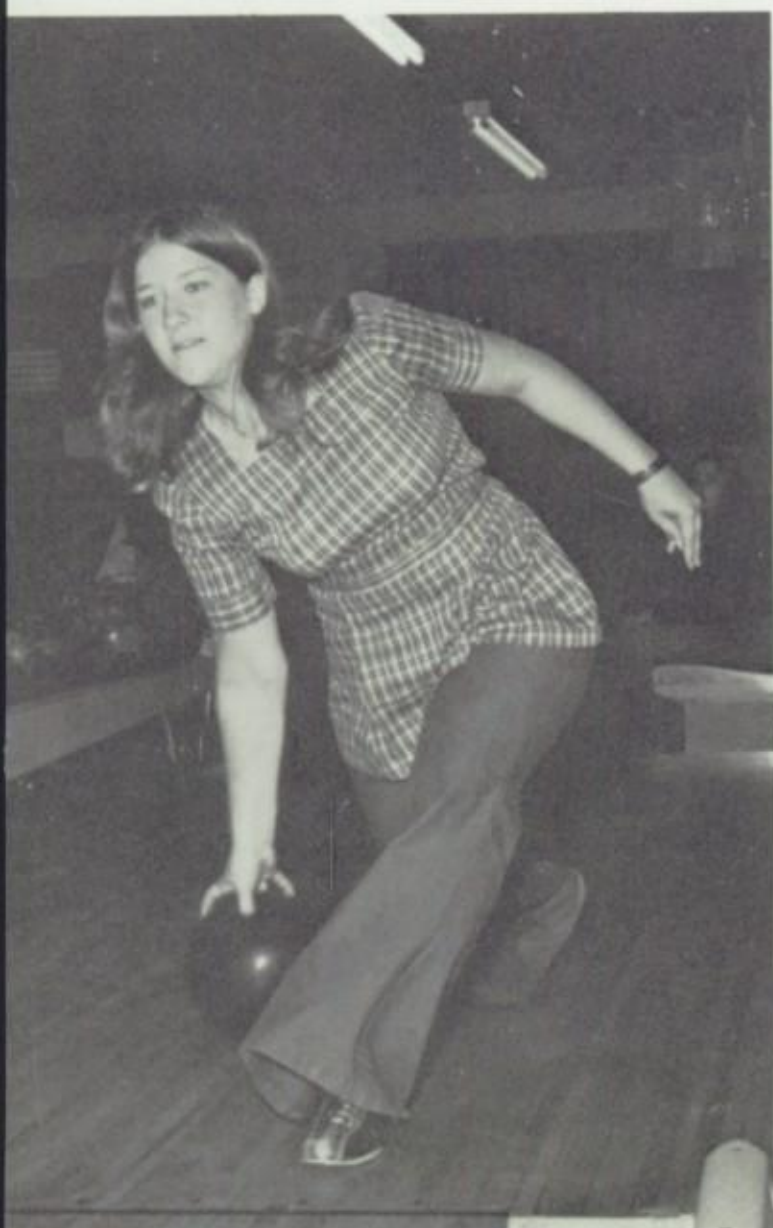


Girls are athletic too



In addition to having volleyball, bowling, and basketball teams, the Girls' Athletic Association sold Christmas cards this year. To raise money for equipment, the girls sponsored a benefit which was open to the public. These activities kept them busy and helped to compose a worthwhile year.

ABOVE. TOP ROW: Marlene Genter, Faith Gnagey - president, Mig Frey - treasurer. SECOND ROW: Wanda Rupp, Beth Short, Janet Hoops - vice president. THIRD ROW: Vonda Riegsecker, Emelie DeWit, Deb Nofziger, Beth Grieser, Brenda Gnagey, Kim Short, Patsy Grieser. FOURTH ROW: Mrs. Janet Pfund - advisor, Tammy Frey, Mary Lou Meck - secretary, Cheryl Good, Jane Grieser, Lisa Wyse, Jody Roth, Diane Rupp, Sandy Grieser, Mabel Meck, Melanie Schnitkey, Tammy Richer - manager. FIFTH ROW: Janice Montgomery, Alonna Gautsche, Marlene King, Karen Gerig, Gloria Beck, Linda Schrock. SEATED: Toni Kruse, Mara Belle Frey, Karen Nofziger, Amy Grieser. NOT PICTURED: Judi Baird, Cindi Ramos, Sandy Riegsecker.



ABOVE LEFT. Everyone watches intently to see where Toni Kruse will hit the volleyball. LOWER LEFT. Marlene Genter knows that it takes a little luck along with much concentration to get a strike. BELOW. BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Kim Short, Faith Gnagey, Mary Lou Meck, Mabel Meck, Mig Frey, Lisa Wyse, Marlene Genter. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Pfund - advisor, Marlene King, Brenda Gnagey, Emelie DeWitt, Amy Grieser, Karen Nofziger, Cheryl Good, Mara Belle Frey, Gloria Beck. FRONT ROW: Tammy Richer - manager, Beth Short, Toni Kruse, Patsy Grieser, Tammy Frey, Janice Montgomery - manager.



Active students participate in intramurals



ABOVE. Mark Bruner, Delvin Rychener, and Kurt Nofziger watch as their teammates struggle for possession of the ball as Phil Nofziger attempts to referee.

RIGHT. Mark Worline anxiously waits to return the ping-pong ball.

BELOW LEFT. Mr. David Lersch substitutes for Mr. Richard Selgo in supervising the gym at noon.

BELOW RIGHT. Neil Rupp dribbles down the court searching for an open teammate.





Mr. Richard Selgo is a sportsman in every way



ABOVE: Mr. Richard Selgo also finds time to substitute as a bus driver.
LEFT: Not bothered by the tension around him, Mr. Richard Selgo, as varsity basketball coach, calmly awaits the referee's decision.
BELOW LEFT: At the Athletic Banquet Mr. David Lersch presented Mr. Richard Selgo with a plaque honoring his years here as basketball coach.
BELOW RIGHT: During a time out, Mr. Richard Selgo explains to his son, Jim, the next play he should attempt.

Mr. Richard Selgo came to Pettisville in 1962 and has coached the baseball team, and freshmen and reserve basketball teams. He coached varsity basketball for eight years and has compiled a marvelous record of 127-43. He has also managed the little league teams each summer for twelve years. Although he has resigned as varsity basketball coach, he plans to continue teaching junior high history.



Members of the bowling team are: Mark Schlueter, Jim Aschliman, Keith Rupp, Randy Stuckey, Keith Eash, and Randy Sauder.

Our Winter Love

The 1973-74 Homecoming was set in a lovely winter scene. The attendants wore dresses of burgandy and the queen wore an off-white. The program which was held between the two games with Ottawa Hills was emceed by seniors, Susan Yoder and Brent Miller.



ABOVE LEFT. Queen Faith Gnagey was escorted by Don Meck and Ron Rittichier. ABOVE RIGHT. TOP ROW: Cheryl Good - junior attendant, Faith Gnagey - queen, Sandy Grieser - senior attendant. SECOND ROW: Melissa Beck - flower girl, Hobie Gilson - crownbearer. FRONT ROW: Lenore Worline - sophomore attendant, Jennifer Lawrence - junior attendant. ABOVE. Melissa Beck and Hobie Gilson seem relieved that the nerve-racking moment is over. CENTER LEFT. Sandy Grieser was escorted by Joe Brown and Marv Meck. CENTER RIGHT. Frank Ramos and Steve Nofziger escorted Jennifer Lawrence. BELOW LEFT. Cheryl Good's escorts were Steve Gruenhagen and Jim Selgo. BELOW RIGHT. Lenore Worline was escorted by Phil Nofziger and Tim Selgo.



Cheerleaders need lots of vim, vigor and vitality



LEFT. The varsity cheerleaders show they are PROUD of the team by the sign and their smiles. FROM LEFT: Mig Frey, Lenore Worline, Jennifer Lawrence, Ronna Riegsecker, Kandy Lantz, Cheryl Good. BELOW. "Clap your hands, and show your spirit!"



ABOVE. Our smiling, enthusiastic, reserve cheerleaders were a real inspiration to the team. STANDING: Kim Short, Angie Nafziger, Wanda Rupp. SEATED: Roxanne Mock. RIGHT. Deb Leininger says, "Happiness is being a Blackbird."



Birds win BBC crown



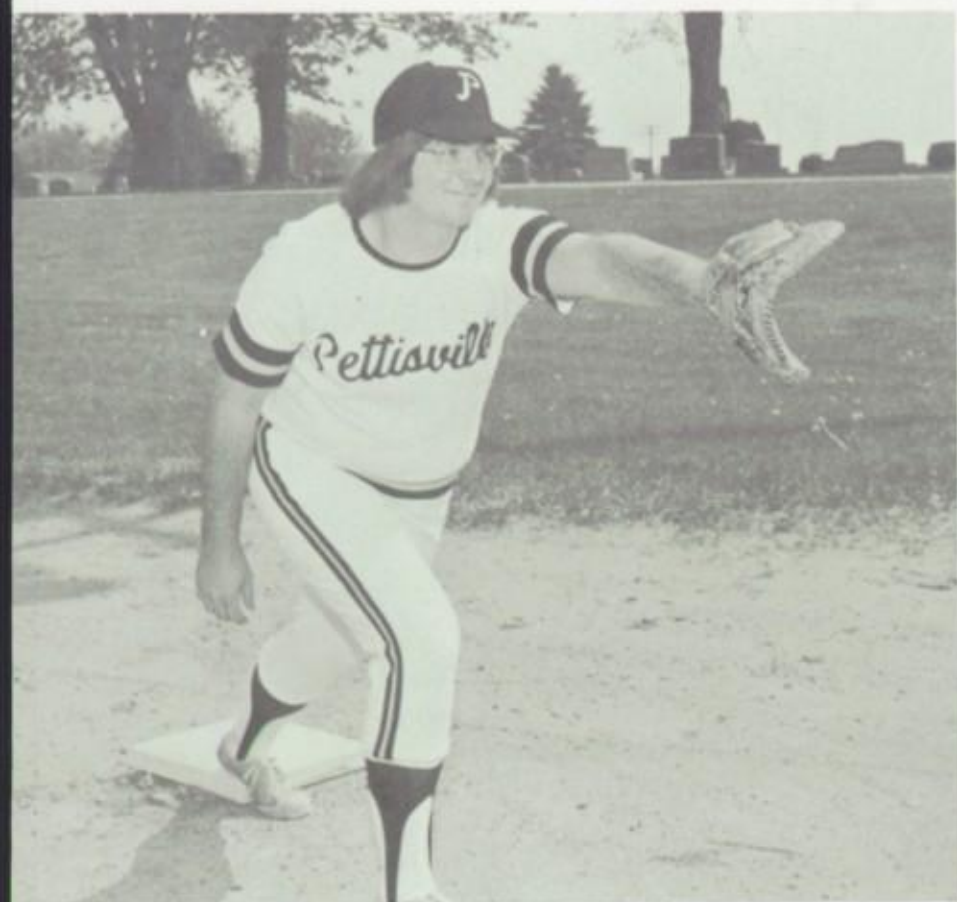
ABOVE. TOP ROW: Coach Dave Ripke, Delvin Rychener, Steve Gruenhagen, Jim Selgo, Ron Rittichier, Marv Meck, Dean Genter, Phil Nofziger, Assistant coach Steve Brannan. FRONT ROW: Jeff Oyer, Duane Price, Jon Wyse, Rick Rupp, Tim Selgo, John Liechty, Kent Rychener, Doug Good.

	PHS	OPP
Ayersville	7	0
Wauseon	7	3
Bethel-Tate	2	7
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Archbold	7	2
* Hilltop	8	3
Fairview	2	4
Fairview	0	3
* Fayette	0	1
Evergreen	8	3
* Hicksville	9	3
* North Central	17	0
Delta	8	2
# Edon	7	0
* Edgerton	10	2
Liberty Center	3	0
* Montpelier	6	2
# Montpelier	5	9
Tinora	14	3
* Stryker	16	5
* Edon	10	2
* Buckeye Border Conference		
† Sectional Tournament		

The Pettisville Blackbird baseball team finished another fine season with a record of 16 wins and 5 losses.

The Blackbirds won sole possession of the Buckeye Border conference crown with a 7-1 league slate.

Members of the team receiving recognition on the all-league selections were Ron Rittichier and Jim Selgo - first team members, and Phil Nofziger, Tim Selgo, and Duane Price - second team selections.



ABOVE LEFT. Senior Delvin Rychener stretches for the throw to first base.

ABOVE RIGHT. Ron Rittichier, the Birds' fine shortstop, was also one of the team's top hitters.

LEFT. Jim Selgo awaits the pitch as Ron Rittichier stands on deck.

LOWER LEFT. Steve Gruenhagen concentrates on the pitcher as he delivers the pitch.

LOWER RIGHT. Duane Price displays the pitching form that earned him a 6-3 win-loss record.



Reserve team compiles a fine record



ABOVE. RESERVE BASEBALL TEAM. Jackie Frey, Tom Klopfenstein, Ron Burkholder, Marlyn Schrock, Dave Lersch, Coach Brannan.

Along with the sophomore members of the varsity, the JV baseball team compiled a 4-1 record.
RIGHT. The reserve team members warm up before facing their opponent.
BELOW. The Blackbirds in the dugout brave the cold weather as they watch the game.





VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Coach Richard Selgo, Joe Brown, Don Meck, Marv Meck, Ron Rittichier, Jim Selgo, Manager Richard Frey. FRONT ROW: Tim Selgo, Frank Ramos, Steve Gruenhagen, Steve Nofziger, Phil Nofziger.

RESERVE BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Coach Steve Brannan, Terry Rufenacht, Ken Gruenhagen, Dean Genter, Tom Beck, Ron Nafziger, Jim Crawford, Manager Kurt Nofziger. FRONT ROW: Joe DeLeon, Rick Rupp, Jon Wyse, Kent Rychener, Bill Fricke, Tom Klopfenstein.

Blackbirds maintain high-standing records

	Varsity		Reserve			Ayersville	65	44	50	51	
	PHS	OPP	PHS	OPP		Ottawa Hills	59	43	59	36	
Stryker	59	35	36	23	* Edgerton	74	57	46	41		
Delta	69	56	48	29	Holgate	67	48	43	42		
Fayette	89	62	41	35	Evergreen	55	68	43	13		
Tinora	75	54	35	22	* Fayette	78	61	40	34		
West Unity	74	59	45	37	TOURNAMENT GAMES						
* North Central	72	49	54	38	# Montpelier	57	55				
* Montpelier	69	53	44	29	# Fayette	69	53				
Liberty Center	88	43	47	28	@ Hicksville	79	57				
* Hicksville	76	52	42	38	@ Edon	67	75				
* Edon	57	58	43	26	* Buckeye Border Conference						
* Stryker	81	47	29	33	# Sectional Tournament						
* West Unity	66	58	48	28	@ Regional Tournament						

Birds have outstanding year



ABOVE LEFT. Jim Selgo drives around an opposing player enroute to an easy bucket.

ABOVE CENTER. Don Meck, the Blackbirds' senior center, jumps high for the opening tip-off.

ABOVE RIGHT. The players anxiously await the start of the game.

ABOVE. The Blackbirds receive instructions from Coach Selgo during a time-out.

CENTER RIGHT. Phil Nofziger displays his shooting ability against two bothersome defenders.

RIGHT. Phil Nofziger maintains control of the ball despite his opponent's efforts.



LEFT. The entire varsity team pauses momentarily for a casual picture in the locker room.

CENTER LEFT. Ron Rittichier aims for the hoop before firing.

CENTER RIGHT. Steve Nofziger, Frank Ramos, and Steve Gruenhagen head for the foul line after a foul by the opponents.

BELOW LEFT. Tim Selgo goes up and over this defender for a basket.

BELOW RIGHT. Marv Meck whips the ball back out front to Jim Selgo.



The Pettisville Blackbirds had an outstanding year and posted a fine 19-3 record. The Birds finished behind Edon in the Buckeye Border Conference standings with a 7-1 record. Edon narrowly won the title with a 58-57 decision over the Blackbirds.

Edon and Evergreen were the only Blackbird opponents to gain victories over the local squad. Evergreen won 69-56 in the seventeenth game of the year. The final loss came at the hands of Edon again, 75-69, in the district finals.

Four seniors headed the relatively young Blackbird team. Those four who will graduate this year are Joe Brown, Steve Gruenhagen, Don Meck, and Ron Rittichier.

Returning next year are juniors: Steve Nofziger, Frank Ramos, and Jim Selgo, and sophomores: Marv Meck, Phil Nofziger, and Tim Selgo.

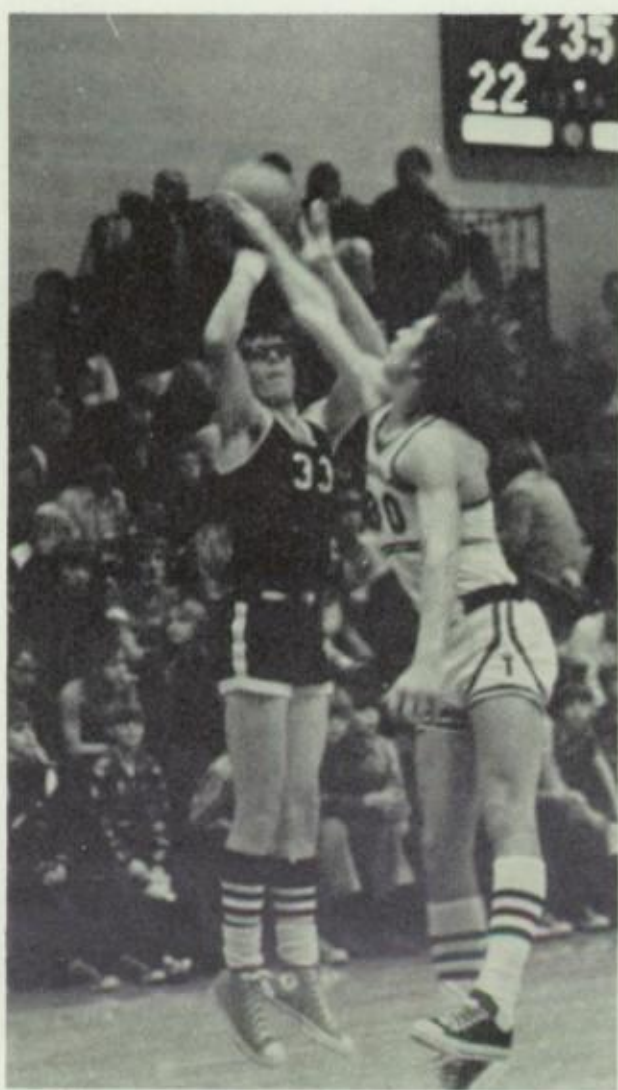
This year also marked the eighth and final year at the helm for Mr. Richard Selgo who resigned at the end of the season. During his eight year tenure at Pettisville, Mr. Selgo compiled a 127-43 record.

RIGHT. Dean Genter fires away at the basket while Tom Beck and Terry Rufenacht move in for a possible rebound.

CENTER LEFT. Jim Crawford shows good form in unleashing this jump shot against an opposing player.

CENTER RIGHT. Kent Rychener, Bill Fricke, and Dean Genter ready themselves around the jump circle, waiting for Tom Beck to tip them the ball.

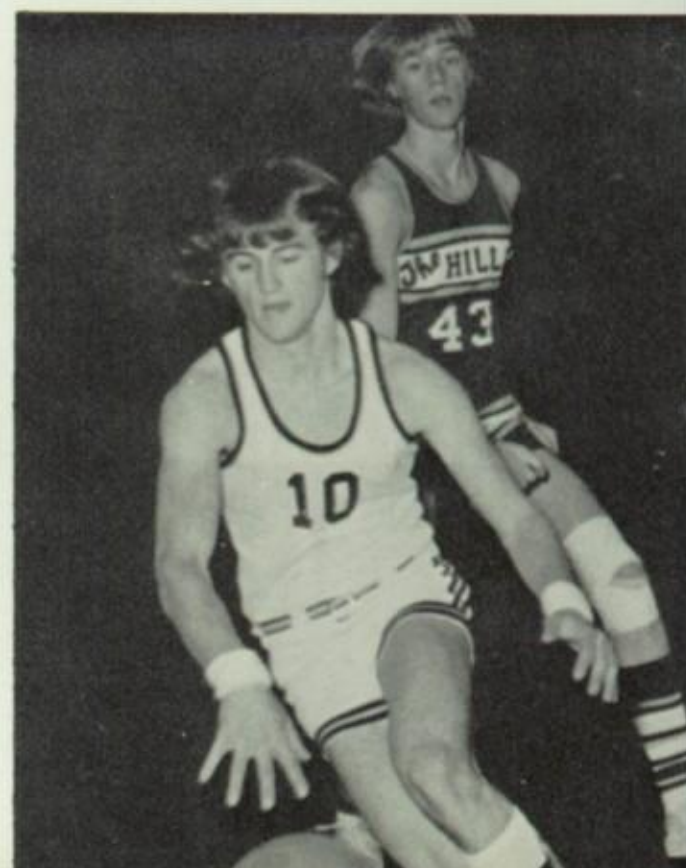
BELOW. Jon Wyse heads down the floor leading the Blackbird fast break.



The Blackbird reserve team rolled to a sparkling 16-2 record under Coach Steve Brannan and also copped a share of the Buckeye Border Conference title.

With three juniors and nine sophomores, the Blackbirds went through the schedule dropping games only to Stryker and Ayersville in overtime. The loss to Stryker was the only league loss for the young Birds and put them in a tie with Hicksville for the league championship with identical 7-1 records.

The starting lineup on this balanced squad varied almost from game to game as all twelve players saw plenty of action. They will be a helpful addition to the varsity next year and should give Pettisville fans plenty to cheer about in the next couple of years.





Action is the name of the game



ABOVE LEFT. The reserve team seems to be getting a few laughs during a conversation in the lockerroom.

ABOVE RIGHT. Terry Rufenacht leaves the huddle momentarily to get a towel.

CENTER LEFT. Dean Genter extends himself skyward for the tip, as Ron Nafziger, Kent Rychener, and Jim Crawford look on.

CENTER RIGHT. This defensive player made a vain attempt to stop a jump shot by Kent Rychener.

LEFT. Ron Nafziger gets set to connect on a short jumper as Terry Rufenacht watches the action.

Spread wings and fly high



ABOVE. SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Joe Schlueter, Butch Leininger, Brent Gnagey, Pence Roth, Kenny Burkholder, Dennis Stinson. SECOND ROW: Duane King, Tom Willison - managers, Philip Nofziger, Nando Siller, Kevin Yoder, Lyndon Schrock, Tim Wagler, Dan Montgomery, Orlando Santiago, Mark Nine, Mr. Phil Rychener - coach. FRONT ROW: Keith Miller, Chuck Crawford, Mark Worline, Glen Frey, Lonnie Rufenacht, Bob Fricke, Allen Frey. RIGHT. SEVENTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS. CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Patty Yoder, Dawn Lersch, Lenette Metzler, Judy Miller. BELOW. EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Rick Roth, Richard Goche-nour - managers, Brent Rychener, Jerome Grime, Russ Rupp, Tim Schlueter, Doug Stinson, Alan Pfund, Mr. Phil Rychener - coach. FRONT ROW: Dallas Schrock, Larry Frey, Doug Good, Craig Beck, Sam Nofziger, Fred Frey, Paul Fisher.



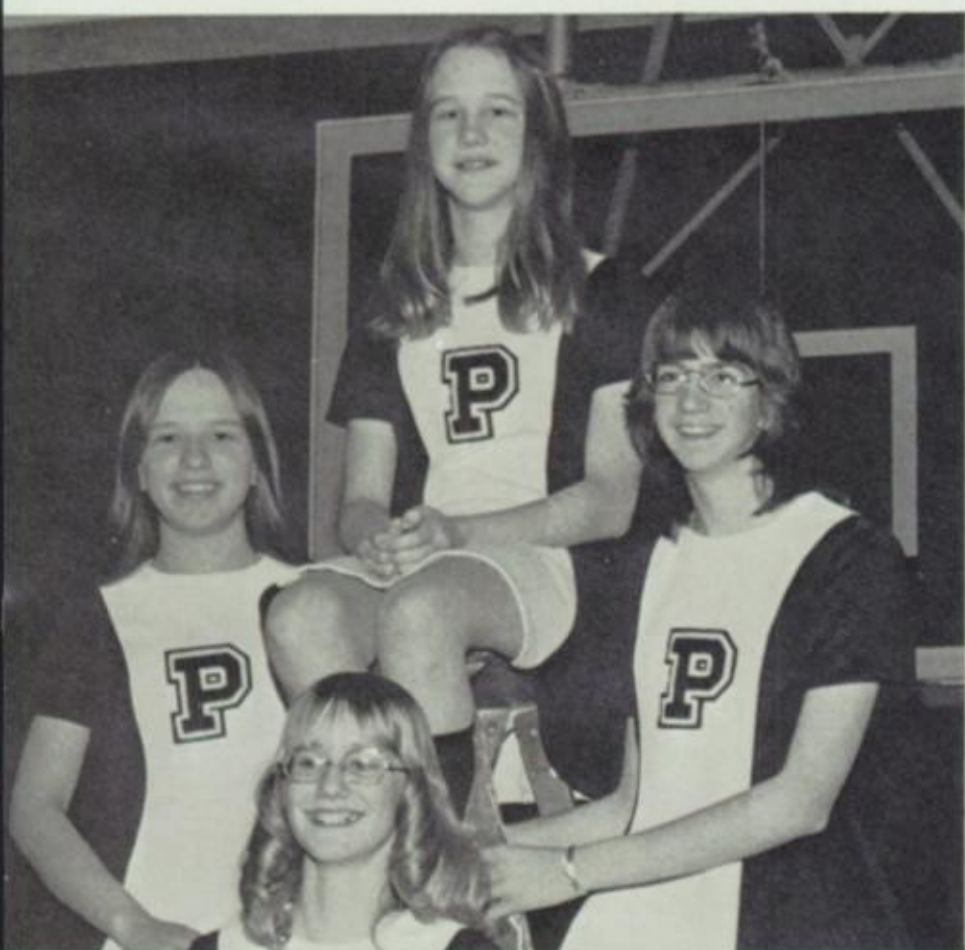


Birds develop skills

The seventh grade finished their season with an excellent 13-1 record. They won the seventh grade area tournament.

The eighth grade also won their tournament, ending the year with 11 wins and 3 losses. They recorded a 5-1 standing in league play.

The freshmen started out right by winning their first five games. Although they lost the next several games they gained useful experience. They finished the season with a 7-5 record.



TOP. NINTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS. TOP ROW: Lisa Wyse. SECOND ROW: Barb Rupp. FRONT ROW: Tammy Spengler, Tina Spengler. ABOVE LEFT. NINTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM. TOP ROW: Mark Wyse - manager, Ralph Boger, Mark Christenberry, Ron Burkholder, Rick Fowler, Mike Grieser, Steve Duvall - manager. SECOND ROW: Gilbert Suarez, Doug Nofziger, Dave Lersch, Victor Siller, Jack Frey. NOT PICTURED: Pat King. ABOVE RIGHT. Mr. David Ripke is not certain that his players are working completely up to their potential. LEFT. EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS. TOP ROW: Cheryl Grieser. SECOND ROW: Dianne Diener, Anita Yoder. FRONT ROW: Dawn Colon.

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